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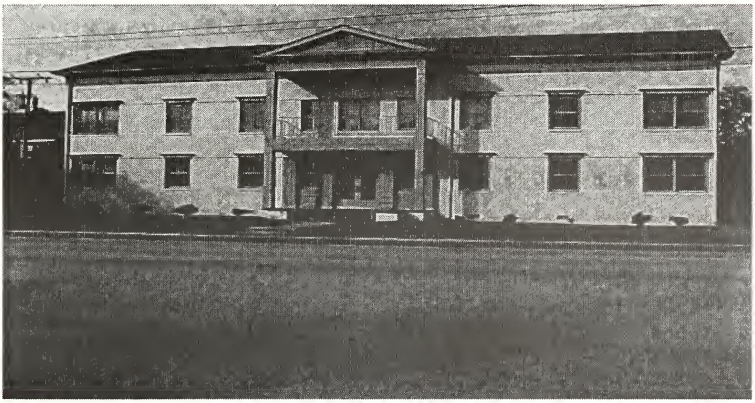

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A WORD FROM THE ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY

Benjamin S. Gault, Jr.
New South River Baptist Association

In 1924 the South River Baptist Association and the Cumberland Association met at Autryville, NC in Sampson County to consider the possibility of uniting efforts to share the Gospel with the local area. This resulted in the name "New South River Baptist Association." Today there are 86 churches and 7 fellowships that make up the body of this association. Efforts continue to increase the spread of the gospel as the population of the area increases.

No other means of sharing the gospel is more effective than good Bible study. Historically this has been called Sunday School. This emphasis is under the direction of the Church Development Associate. Once persons have become Christian and begin to study God's word they desire to be active in the propagation of the gospel. This has resulted in meeting some physical needs of people through the ministry of the Beatitude Houses, the plans for an Adult Day Care Facility and personal involvement in mission ventures to various places on planet Earth. The leadership assignment for these ventures goes to the Church and Community Associate.

In an ever changing world the New South River Baptist Association must continually seek new and innovative avenues of ministry. The message of Salvation can never change but the method of presenting the gospel must. Such things as e-mail, web pages and power point presentations are quite common even today.

To meet these needs requires innovative thinking on the part of each ministry team and especially the leaders. Staying the same means one is actually falling behind. It is the dream that new leadership will envision new ways to practice Christian Ministry. This will mean constantly evaluating the present ministries. We must always practice the words "He must increase but I must decrease" John 3:30.

As new ideas surface facilities, equipment and practice must be made relevant. The one thing that must remain constant is an effort to share God's Word with a changing world. The focus must always be people and their need to know Jesus Christ.

It is our hope that this book will enable everyone to know their sister churches, a little history and a glimpse of the future of working together as member churches of the New South River Baptist Association.

Your Associational Missionary

Benjamin S. Gault, Jr.

The growth of Baptists in North Carolina is a story of men and women who dare mighty things. Colonists from Virginia established the first permanent English settlement in North Carolina about 1660 near the Albemarle Sound on the Chowan River. There have been Baptists in North Carolina since 1695.

A Baptist Association is a self-determining body whose authority is derived from the action of the Messengers elected by the churches. Most times located in a limited geographical area, these churches have voluntarily associated and have established organizations for Christian fellowship and cooperation in advancing Christ's Kingdom. An associaiton is dependent on the churches that created and sustain it, and is autonomous in relation to other Baptist bodies. The pattern of Associational Missions is founded on the New Testament. Early church activity set the precedent that may be followed by present-day and future-day associaitons as they carry out their functions of service to the churches. The date and place of the organization of the first Baptist Association in England is unknown. There have been Baptist in North Carolina since 1695. In 1707, the first Baptist Association in America was organized in Charleston, South Carolina. Baptist Ministers preached and taught throughout many sections of North Carolina until 1752 when 16 congregations had been established and claimed several hundred members. In 1758, the Sandy Creek Association in North Carolina was organized. In 1765 Associations began to multiply. Baptist out numbered all denominations in North Carolina. In 1769 the Kehukee Association, which included Eastern North Carolina from Southeastern Virginia to the South Carolina line, was formed. In 1794 the Baptist churches of Southeastern North Carolina separated themselves from the Kehukee Association and formed the Neuse Association. Eleven years later (1805) churches from Jacksonville to the South Carolina line as far West as Robeson County removed themselves from the Neuse Baptist Association to form the Cape Fear Baptist Association. Twenty-two years later (1827) some of the churches of the Cape Fear Baptist Association formed the Goshen Baptist Association. In 1858 Churches from Cumberland County, Sampson County and Robeson County separated from the remaining churches in the Cape Fear Association to form the Cedar Creek Association. In 1877, nine churches from the Cedar Creek Baptist Association and one from the Eastern Association met at Baptist Chapel on Nov. 30, Dec. 1, and Dec. 2 to form a new Association, the South River Baptist Association. In 1924 the Cumberland Baptist Association and the South River Baptist Association met at Autryville Baptist Church for the purpose of uniting the two associations.

There were two associations in the Fayetteville area serving the churches. The Cumberland Baptist Association with twenty-eight churches and the South River Baptist Association with twenty-seven churches.

Wednesday morning, October 24, 1923, according to invitation and appointment, the South River Baptist Association met with Roseboro Baptist Church for the 47th annual communication. A committee from the South River Baptist Association was appointed to meet with a committee from the Cumberland Baptist Association for the purpose of uniting the two associations was due to the distance of traveling and the means of which to travel.

The meeting to determine the name of the new association was held at Autryville Baptist Church on March 24, 1924. The reason for meeting at Autryville Baptist Church was because Autryville was most centrally located.

List of Charter Churches in "The New South River Baptist Association"

Antioch Baptist Church
Autryville Baptist Church
Baptist Chapel Baptist Church
Beaver Dam Baptist Church
Browns Chapel Baptist Church
Cape Fear Baptist Church
Carroll Memorial Baptist Church
Cedar Creek Baptist Church
Center Baptist Church
Clement Baptist Church
Concord Baptist Church
Corinth Baptist Church
Cumberland Union Baptist Church
Elizabeth Baptist Church
Evergreen Baptist Church
Fayetteville First Baptist Church
Fayetteville Massey Hill Baptist
Fayetteville Person Street Baptist
Godwin Baptist Church
Harmony Baptist Church
Hickory Grove Baptist Church
Judson Baptist Church
Lebanon Baptist Church
Long Branch Baptist Church
Macedonia Baptist Church
Magnolia Baptist Church
Mary's Chapel Baptist Church
Mill Creek Baptist Church
Mintz Baptist Church
Mingo Baptist Church
Mount Elam Baptist Church
Mount Gilead Baptist Church
Mount Pisgah Baptist Church
Mount Vernon Baptist Church
Parkersburg Baptist Church
Peters Creek Baptist Church
Piney Green Baptist Church
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
Pleasant Union Baptist Church
Roseboro Baptist Church
Salemburg Baptist Church
Sharon Baptist Church
Shiloh Baptist Church
Spring Branch Baptist Church
Stedman Baptist Church
Suggs Grove Baptist Church
Tabernacle Baptist Church
Union Grove Baptist Church
White Oak Baptist Church

Antioch Baptist Church
P O Box 10
Falcon, NC 28342
910-980-1073

Pastor:
Rev. Donald Harris

May 2, 1869 a Presbytery was called for the purpose of organizing a church. With ten male members and seventeen female members. Where upon the Presbytery extended the Right Hand of Fellowship, and then the Right Hand of Fellowship was mutually given, after which the Presbytery pronounced them a Church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

On motion Elder J. M. Beasley was unanimously called to take the Pastoral care of the church. Sisters Nancy and Edna Strickland were asked to select a name for the church. Antioch Baptist Church was to be the name of the new church.

Some historical facts about Antioch Baptist Church:

1869 – Five Negroes, three women and two men were received into the church

December 1873– first Sunday School was organized

March 1874 – first action taken to deal with non-paying member

December 1877– First Domestic Mission collection was taken

July 1879 – First Foreign Mission Offering received

1879 – Ministerial Relief offering received

July 1883 – a request was made for a letter of dismission from the Cedar Creek Association, which Antioch was a member since organizing, to unite with the South River Baptist Association.

December 1891 – land, where present building is located, was a gift from Mr. William Culbreth and wife Nancy J. Culbreth

April 1, 1893 – the church building was destroyed by fire, leaving the congregation without a place of worship since the new building was not completed

1897 – there was an active Missionary Society in Antioch Baptist Church

1898 – First Home Coming was held, it was called Union Meeting, on Saturday and Sunday

August 1903 – (ten years from the beginning from the construction, the Building Committee reported that the House of Worship was completed and all bills Paid In Full

November 1911 – First musical instrument was purchased for the church

July 12, 1930 – Second Home Coming held

June 1946 – First Vacation Bible School held

November 25, 1965 – Note burning was held, Rev. A. C. Bean , former pastor, and Rev. Charles Stevens , Associational Missionary, spoke

June 21, 1972 – Rev. Robert Dean and family moved into the new parsonage

1979 – New Fellowship Hall Completed

January 6, 1980 – Dedication Service for Fellowship Hall

1981 – Note Burning Service for Educational Building

1982 – Installed new sound system and dedicated new Communion Set

September 10, 2000 – New addition to church, Library and had Dedication Service

Arran Lake Baptist Church
1130 Bingham Drive
Fayetteville, N C 28304
910-424-7211

Pastor: Jeffrey L. Isenhour

During the Summer of 1965, Snyder Memorial Baptist Church sponsored a mission Bible School, a survey was taken of the Arran Lake, Arran Hills and Brentwood areas to determine the number of Baptist families who would be interested in beginning a Baptist Mission program.

November 10, 1965 a meeting was called by Snyder Memorial Baptist Church and New South River Baptist Association. The Arran Lake group expressed a desire to form a mission in the area. On December 23, 1965 Snyder Memorial voted to sponsor the mission work, with assistance from the Baptist State Convention.

Mr. Cecil Carlyle, a realtor, offered two houses that could be used for a meeting place. He would have a garage-type building, seating 50 to 60 people, errected behind one of the houses. Snyder Memorial budgeted $1,000.00 to be used by the new mission toward the purchase of a permanent site. The present 3.3 acres became available in a few months.

The group discussed a name and chose Arran Lake Baptist Mission. Committees were formed, teachers and workers were recruited for Sunday School and Training Union. On January 2, 1966 a 57 ft. trailer was purchased for additional space. A second house, adjacent to the first, was acquired in August of the same year. Later the Association loaned the mission a double-wide mobile chapel.

Ground breaking services for the first unit of the present church building was held on September 15, 1968. The second unit was occupied on April 3, 1973. Snyder Memorial joined Arran Lake on Sunday evening April 15, 1973 for a Constituting Service with 296 Charter Members. Thus a church was born and lives today to meet the Spiritual needs of its members and the community.

1990 Arran Lake Baptist Church began construction of a new sanctuary.

The new sanctuary was the third phase of their building which includes a 700 seat sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, Kitchen, Restrooms and additional classroom space.

March 1991 the new buildings, Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall and additional classrooms were dedicated.

Atonement Baptist Church
150 Jody Lane
Raeford, NC 28376
910-875-0925

Pastor:
Rev. Randy Jordan

In October 1984 Rockfish Mission was started. There were 13 people present including 5 children. They met in different peoples homes to have their services.

Rockfish Mission was constituted in December of 1984. At this time the new name was Atomement Baptist Church. At-One-Ment, meaning *Atoning Blood of Jesus.*

Rev. Milton Bacot served as pastor until his death in March 1990.

Land was donated by Robert and Ann Gibson and a building was started in 1985. They had 2 classrooms and 2 bathrooms. Much of the work done to the church was by members and non-members. Various churches donated pews, money and decorations, therefore the building was completed.

In 1992 – 1993 a kitchen was added. 1994 was the year they decided to build a new sanctuary and it was completed in March of 1996.

There have been 2 members called into the pasoral ministry for Atonement Baptist Church.

Autryville Baptist Church
P O Box 26
Autryville, NC 28318
910-525-4478

Pastor:
Rev. Andy Pettigrew

September 19, 1891 a meeting was held for the purpose of organizing a Baptist Church in the Autryville Community. It was decided to name the church Autryville Baptist Church, in honor of the beloved Captain J. L. Autry. Captain J. L. Autry was the founder of the Autryville Village and for whom it was named.

There were 19 charter members:

Rev. F, R, Underwood	Mrs. F. R. Underwood
Mrs. Respie Autry	Mrs. Eliza Faircloth
Mrs. A. P. Hall	Mrs. Matilda J. Hall
Mr. D. K. Hall	Mrs. Charity Hall
Mr. W. T. Hall	Mr. J. T. Williams
Mrs. Susan J. Spell	Mrs. S. J. Faircloth
Mrs. Roena Faircloth	Mr. L. W. Strickland
Mr. F. I. McKenzie	Mr. William Faircloth
Mr. J. B. Johnson	Mr. Carlton Hall
Mrs. Sylvania Hall	

Rev. F. R. Underwood was the first pastor. Mr. Carlton Hall, Mr. S. J. Faircloth and Mr. L. W. Strickland were the first Deacons. Mr. F. I. McKenzie was the first Clerk.

The church and its contents, being a gift from Captain J. L. Autry to the community, was dedicated on the third Sunday in November 1891.

In 1915 the church building was destroyed by fire, a new building was constructed across the Road at the corner of Highway 24 and Autryville Road. The new white frame church building housed the congregation for many years.

In 1959 an Educational Building was built. Heirs of the Dr. T. C. Bullock Estate gave four lots joining the church lot. Later the church bought the Bullock home site, making the entire block belong to the church.

During the late 1960's the congregation saw the need to build a larger facility, this new building was completed in 1971.

Work was started building a pastorium, the work was completed and ready for use 1961.

Applications were made for membership with the South River Baptist Association. Later the South River Baptist Association was joined with the Cumberland Baptist Association to form the New South River Baptist Association in 1924. The meeting for this service was held at Autryville Baptist Church. In 1999 an re-enactment of this special event, the joining of the two associations, took place at Autryville Baptist Church.

Autryville Baptist Church has had nineteen pastors. Rev. Andy Pettigrew is the present pastor.

Baptist Chapel Baptist Church
2208 Baptist Chapel Road
Autryville, NC 28318
910-567-2561

Pastor:
Alan E. Roberts

Baptist Chapel was first established circa 1835. There was a log church located about 50 yards east of the present site. Baptist Chapel was then known as Taylor Swamp Church and was affiliated with the Primitive Baptists. In 1842 and organizing council met to organize a Missionary Baptist Church. The name was then changed to Baptist Chapel Baptist Church. The first pastor was Stephen Senter. In 1847, Baptist Chapel was accepted as a member of the Raleigh Association. In 1858, Baptist Chapel, became a member of the Cedar Creek Association. In 1877, fifteen churches met at Baptist Chapel to organize the South River Baptist Association. Baptist Chapel became a charter member of the New South River Baptist Associaiton which was organized at Autryville Baptist Church in 1924.

Four church buildings, a pastorium and a cemetery have been situated on land given by the families of Houston Wrench and Hughie Campbell Wrench. The first church, a log structure was built in 1842. The second bulding, a board structure was built in 1870. The third building, a white frame building with a steeple, was completed in 1901. An education building was added to this structure in 1953. The beautiful sanctuary and education building now in use was completed in 1981.

The members of Baptist Chapel have always expressed a great concern for the growth of our Lord's Kingdom. This growth is evidenced by the planting of three churches in the Clement Community. In 1867, the black members of Community. In 1867, the black members of Baptist Chapel asked Rev. Rueben Fisher, the pastor, to help them organize a church. Rev. Fisher met them under an oak tree approximately one mile South of Baptist Chapel and organized Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church. In 1878, several members asked for letters of dismission and organized Union Grove Baptist Church. Ten years later, in 1888, twenty-one members asked for letters of dismission and organized Clement Baptist Church.

In 1986, Baptist Chapel joined other North Carolina Baptists in a partnership mission with Baptists in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Pastor Ira Sutton, Chester Alligood, Hubert Honeycutt, Melinda Ivey, Gloria Lisboa, Carla Martin and Lynette Smith represented Baptist Chapel in Brazil.

The current facility was dedicated in October 1981.

Note burning of new church on Homecoming Day October 8, 1990. Licensed Tommy Honeycutt for the ministry.

In 1997 new Youth Ministry was called. The parking lot was paved at the church.

Beaver Dam Baptist Church
4693 Beaver Dam Church Road
Roseboro, NC 28382
910-531-3877

Pastor:
Rev. Robert Compton

Beaver Dam Baptist Church was organized in 1776. There were few settlers living in the area at this time. Beaver Dam Baptist Church was the only Baptist Church in a large area. The primary source of income for the community was farming.

Beaver Dam Baptist Church came out of the Charleston Baptist Association movement led by Dr. Daniel White of Charleston, S.C. Services were first held in a log structure located approximately .5 of a mile northwest of the present location. The building was known as Thomas Meeting House. It is believed that the church was first known as the *Baptist On The Beaver Dam* and later changed to Beaver Dam Baptist Church.

In 1827 the church moved to the present location. The land was donated by Brother John Horne and a log building was constructed. In the 1850's the log building was dismanteled and a large frame building was constructed which was used until it was damaged by a tornado in 1957.

Beaver Dam Baptist Church is the oldest and at one time the only Baptist Church in the area. Cape Fear Baptist Church, Beaver Dam Baptist Church and Cedar Creek Baptist Church are the oldest in Cumberland County. It is evident as the population increased the need for more churches increased.

At a conference held at Beaver Dam Baptist Church in October 1843, sixty-five members were given a letter of dismissal to form the Brier Branch Baptist Church. In 1876, eleven members were given letters of dismissal and it is believed they were charter members of Sharon Baptist Church.

At a conference in December 1893, Brother P. P. Hall was appointed a delegate to a meeting at Cedar Creek on the 5th Sunday for the purpose of organizing the Cedar Creek Union. In 1894 the church withdrew from the Bladen Union and joined the newly formed Cedar Creek Union. In 1924 Beaver Dam Baptist Church was a charter member of the New South River Baptist Association. Beaver Dam Baptist Church WMU was also a charter member of the WMU in the Association in 1924.

In 1965 a pastorium was constructed across the road from the church. In 1985 a new Fellowship Hall was constructed adjacent to the church.

Beaver Dam Baptist Church along with New South River Baptist Association of Churches has sponsored a Migrant Ministry for four years. The first two years with Mr. Jerry Monroe as coordinator. Rev. Bob Compton along with New South River Baptist Association of Churches and the BYW, WMU and other organizations of the Church have very successfully worked with the Migrant Ministry for the past two years (2000 and 2001).

Bonnie Doone Baptist
P O Box 10117
Fayetteville, NC 28303
910-864-3525

Pastor:
Rev. Dennis Bowen

Bonnie Doone Baptist Church was organized as a mission under sponsorship of Fayetteville First Baptist Church in March 1936. Mr. Hollingsworth was selected by First Baptist to find a location to meet and to organize a Sunday School. They met in the home of Mrs. Gunter for the first meeting with only four people present besides the Gunter family and people from First Baptist Church. Sunday School was held each Sunday in various homes. Interest grew and a building was started in August 1936. The building was completed and dedicated on the 2nd Sunday in October 1936. Mr. Hollingsworth served as pastor from the beginning of the mission until his death in 1953. In 1952 it was organized into Bonnie Doone Baptist Church.

Members seeing the need to be so great, they purchased from the Moose Lodge a building and land. The Old Moose Lodge Hall was converted into a sanctuary and used until December 1966.

October 1, 1957 the church called Rev. Charles A. Stevens as pastor. He served the church until January 1963.

More room was needed and the church built the lower part of the Educational Building. The following year the second floor of the Educational Building was added.

Missions has had a very important part in the life of Bonnie Doone Baptist Church. In July 1959 Bonnie Doone Baptist Church conducted a mission Vacation Bible School on Farrell Drive. This was the first of its kind in the Association. That same Summer a mission VBS was held in Heavner Acres housing area. Sunday School and preaching were held following the VBS, and this was the beginning of LaGrange Park Baptist Church.

In 1964 an interested member gave an offering and designated it to begin a building fund.

Saturday October 1964 the members met for prayer meeting and sought God's will about building. December 1966 the building was dedicated.

In 1968 a bus was purchased for a bus ministry. In 1969 a new parsonage was purchased. The Educational Building was air conditioned. In 1970 a sign was purchased and placed in front of the church and in May 1970 the Baptistery was painted. In September 1970 a "Special Missionary Program" was set up. In September 1970 four people were appointed and since this time there have been nine more to go into all parts of the world as missionaries.

In September 1971 the first Kindergarten was opened with two teachers and eleven students. In 1972 the church purchased three more buses and began a greater bus ministry.

Church debt was paid off in 1981. Tape Ministry and Puppet Ministry was started in 1982.

Calvary Baptist Church
1943 Pamalee Drive
Fayetteville, NC 28305
910-488-1224

Pastor:
Rev. Norman Mitchell

In the Summer of 1950 the Southern Baptists in this community felt the need for a Baptist Church. The Rev. J. V. Watterson, who was the Associational Missionary in the New South River Baptist Association, came into our community and led us into the establishing of a Baptist Church.

On Sunday afternoon, August 14, 1950, a prayer meeting was held in the home of Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Mintz with seventeen people present. When a census was completed it was found that there were enough interested people to organize a church. There were prayer meetings and business meetings in August, September and October. The land on which to build was purchased from Mr. Oscar Reeves. In October a large tent was secured and put on the Church lot and a revival meeting was held. The Rev. Baxter Walker was the evangelist and Mr. Frank Barrett was the song leader.

On Sunday afternoon, October 22, 1950, the church was organized with thirty eight Charter Members. The Rev. T. L. Rich served as Moderator at this time. The first elected Deacons were: J. W. Mintz, R. W. Hall, J. E. Sox, W. L. Hodges, Sandy Hall, and Mrs. Carl Strickland, Sr. The first Sunday School Superintendent was J. W. Mintz. The W. M. U. President was Mrs. A.C. McInnis.

The Church secured some vacant buildings from Mrs. Margaret Keen in which the Church met until a building could be built. The prayers and hard work and the great faith of the Church members was blessed by God and the Church prospered. The Rev. Fred Nordan was the first pastor. The people worked with splendid cooperation to build a church house and the third Sunday in March, 1952, the completed Educational Building, including an Auditorium and Class Rooms were dedicated. Rev. Fred Nordan preached the sermon.

On the third Sunday in October 1966, the dedication of the new addition to the Educational Building was observed. Dr. Van Burrell was the speaker.

Calvary Baptist Church is a very Mission minded church with a very active WMU.

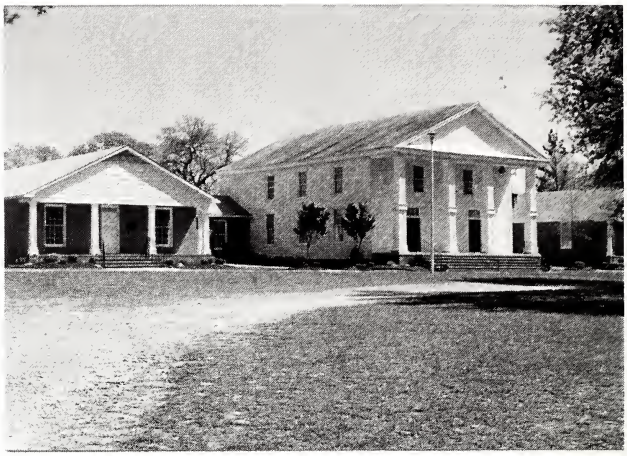
Homecoming Day was celebrated 3rd Sunday in October and Old Fashion Day was celebrated the 3rd Sunday in November 1994.

In 1996 Law Day was observed to honor all the people in law enforcement.

In 1999 Dr. Norman Mitchell is endorsed by the NAMB as a Chaplain for Law Enforcement Officers.

Cape Fear Baptist Church
6041 Butler Nursery Road
Fayetteville, NC 28306-9804
910-483-5769

Pastor:
Rev. Mark Fisher



Cape Fear Baptist Church is located in Gray's Creek Township near the stream with the same name. Since the very early days when it was called the "Meeting House", the church has been known as Cape Fear Baptist Church.

The first deed for the church found in the Register of Deeds Office of Cumberland County. This transaction took place in 1817: This indenture made this 18 day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, between Joseph and John Thames of the Conty of Cumberland an the State of North Carolina of the one part, and David Thames, James Beard and Issac Simms, trustees, in trust for the use and purpose here mentioned all of the county and state aforesaid .....etc., witnesses that the said Joseph and John Thames for the goodwill, friendship and love they bear to the cause of religion hath given and granted, released, confirmed and conveyed. . ..etc. They have built thereon a House or Place of Worship for the use of the Baptist Church in America...etc.

The one acre joined that property formerly owned by Joseph Thames, Sr., deceased father of Josepth and John. It may be remembered that Joseph Thames was a Quaker and that he bought land and a mill on Cross Creek from Newberry in 1760. By 1799 he was a large land owner in the Gray's Creek area and around Dunn's Creek on the "West side of the northwest branch of the Cape Fear River".

In 1859, two new deeds are found to the Cape Fear Baptist Church. They were recorded July 12, 1870.

The present church building was started in 1858 and was completed in 1859, this location was about 1/2 mile from the first site. During the Civil War Yankee Troops used the church building as a temporary hospital. Names scrawled on the walls were visible up until the church was remolded in 1960.

According to "The Story of Fayetteville" by John A. Oates, the three oldest Baptist Churches in Cumberland County are Cape Fear Baptist Church, Beaver Dam Baptist Church and Cedar Creek Baptist Church, all organized prior to 1790.

Cape Fear Baptist Church belonged to the Neuse Baptist Association form 1794 to 1805. From 1805 to 1858 it was a member of the Cape Fear Association and today belongs to the New South River Baptist Association.

In 1984 Cape Fear Baptist Church was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

In 1991 the State of North Carolina honored the Church by approving thru its Department of Archives and History, Cultural Resources Division, the erecting of a Highway Historical Marker.

Cape Fear Baptist Church celebrated its 245th Anniversary and Homecoming on Sunday June 10, 2001.

Carroll Memorial Baptist Church
2220 Camden Road
Fayetteville, NC 28303
910-485-8814

Pastor:
Rev. Tony Buchanon

In 1913 the first meeting was held under a brush arbor. There were 67 people enrolled in Sunday School that morning. On August of that same year land was given by Ms. Arelia Carroll. A feed barn was used for a church until the first church was built. Massey Hill Baptist Church was the sponsor or parent church of Victory Mission.

The church was organized and constituted in 1923 and the new name was Carroll Memorial Baptist Church. Rev. D.E. Deaton was the first pastor of Carroll Memorial Baptist Church.

In 1924 Carroll Memorial Baptist Church joined the New South River Association.

An enrollment of 300 was reached in 1939. The orginial sanctuary was built in 1952 and has undergone many renovations and is now used as the fellowship hall. This building also includes some Sunday School classrooms and a kitchen.

The new sanctuary built in 1974 seats approximately 500 people.

Carroll Memorial has three buildings on its grounds and the Heritage Room is located in the smaller building along with the Nursery rooms and offices. The Heritage Room is furnished with all sorts of items dating back to the beginning of the church. Some of the items on display are the original pulpit Bible, small bell, pew, pulpit, bank, colleciton bowl, wall board, and many photos. Some of the photos are of members from the earlier days of the church. All the items are labeled for easy identification.

The most unique thing about this church is the expression of Christ's love for people.

Sunday School along with church services are offered each Sunday morning, also Children's Church on Sunday mornings. Youth activities are available on Wednesday evenings. There are groups for women, men, senior adults, youth and children that provide activities for all.

June 1986 a new steeple was erected at the church. In 1989 a dedication service of the pew Bibles. 1991 the parking lot was paved and the parking spaces were painted. A sign was erected on Cumberland and Owen Drive advertising for the church. In 1992 construction began for the Historical room and in 1993 the Historical room was completed. 1995 Carroll Memorial Baptist Church was debt free.

Carroll Memorial Baptist Church ordained Michael Madaris in 2000.

Cedar Creek Baptist Church
4170 Tabor Church Road
Fayetteville, NC 28301
910-483-1069

Pastor:
Rev. Rodney Faircloth

Though 1844 is the official recorded date of the establishmet of Cedar Creek Baptist Church, history shows evidence of a much earlier beginning. Organized parties of Baptists were known to be at Cedar Creek, Beaver Dam and Cape Fear as early as 1785. Two acres of land were deeded to the chruch on July 14, 1801, this was the third church deed recorded in Cumberland County. The Cape Fear Association held its meeting at Cedar Creek Baptist Church in 1805 and 1824.

In 1858, the Cape Fear Association dismissed Cedar Creek Baptist Church to assist in forming the Cedar Creek Baptist Association. In 1908 the Cedar Creek Association became the Cumberland Baptist Association.

In 1868 Sunday School was organized at Cedar Creek Baptist Church. In 1881, leaders decided to build a new church and in 1882 added an acre of land for a cemetery.

The church and the association were growning. In 1924, the Cumberland Baptist Association became the New South River Baptist Association. In the early 1920's the old church building was torn down and a new brick building was completed at the cost of $7,000.00. The first service was held in the new building October 25, 1924. This building is also now our present building. Services moved from quarter-time to half-time in 1944 and in 1953 services moved to full time.

The Brotherhood Program was organized in 1948 to serve with an already active Woman's Missionary Union.

Cedar Creek continues to have Sunday School, Discipleship Training, Brotherhood and WMU. CARE vans have aided in having exceptional Vacation Bible Schools over the last 3 years. The physical plant includes the church and educational building (1954); parsonage (1980); recreational areas for tennis, basketball and softball, memorial gardens and amphitheater, cemetery, church grounds and parking.

In 1979 a new pastorium was started. In 1989 the new pastorium was completed, tore down the old pastorium and the area was landscaped.

October 9, 1983 the Memorial Gardens were dedicated. In 1993 expanded preschool rooms, added 3 classrooms, received 7 acres additional land, constructed new concession stand and restroom facilities at ball field. In 1994 the church purchased a 15 passenger van.

June 4, 2000 began two Sunday Morning Worship services.

Over 500 strong, Cedar Creek Baptist Church remains a vital part of the community.

Cedar Fall Baptist Church
6181 Ramsey Street
Fayetteville, NC 28311
910-488-5810

Pastor:
Rev. William Floyd Benfield

The history of Baptist in Cumberland County dates back to the time of the American Revolution. People known as Baptist formed their own congregation prior to 1800, more than 25 years before the first organized Baptist Church in the area now know as Cumberland County came to being.

The Cedar Falls Missionary Baptist Church was born as an outgowth of a revival held by a brush arbor near Carver's Falls Road in 1878.

During 1916 and 1917 Sunday School attendants, although predominantly Baptist, represented several different denominations; for this reason, the term "Union Sunday School" was applied to this phase of the church's educational program. Apparently this type of service lasted only 2 or 3 years. After 1917 Sunday School continue to function, but non-Baptist no longer attended.

Records indicate that the first choir was organized around 1915. On January 1, 1930, Rev. D. M. Clemmons assumed pastoral duties of Cedar Fall Baptist Church. During this period the first mid-week prayer service was held.

Growth continues as programs expand including Women on Missions, Young Women on Missions, RA's, GA's and Mission Friends. Cedar Falls Baptist Church is host for the CC Interfaith Hospitality Network. The Discipleship Programs include Divorce Care, First Place, Experiencing God, Managing Stress and Growing Kid's Gods Way.

In 1982 new office complex was built; had "Together We Build" campaign and installed lights on the recreation field.

September 22, 1985 had ground breaking for new sanctuary. Cornerstone ceremony September 1986. Dedication of new Sanctuary in 1987 and began construction of recreation area. Construction of new softball field in 1988.

In 1991 added new parking spaces and resurfaced old parking area. In 1993 Rev. W. Floyd Benfield, Sr. celebrated his 20th year as pastor and a service of recognition was held. Dedicated new Fellowship Hall April 30, 1995.

It is Cedar Falls Baptist Church's goal to have a strong program for the Youth to prepare them as mature Christians before they leave the home environment.

Center Baptist Church
4980 Wade Stedman Road
Wade, NC 28395
910-483-8226

Pastor:
Rev. John Jones

For many years, the Baptist people of the South River Community had no near-by place to worship. Several years before plans were made to build a place of worship the Baptists were able to meet in the McMillan Chapel, which was the old school building. The Baptist became concerned one Sunday when they arrived for church service and found the door had been locked. Many thought that the Presbyterians locked the doors. The correct story is that the school teacher was the last to leave and thinking the Baptist congregation had their own key, locked the door and left.

From this experience many decided that they needed a church where they could worship, teach God's word and commune as saints of Christ. This was an immese step of faith, they could just ask for a key where they were already meeting. So with plans in hand the congregation held worship at McMillian Chapel while building their house of worship.

The Church was begun June 1895 and was located about four miles South-East of Wade on the Wade Stedman Road, it could be seen from #102 Highway (Highway 13 today). The church was one room, built of wood, seating approximately two hundred and fifty people.

The name Center Baptist was suggested by Rev. John Prevatt. Due to the fact that it was located near the center of the South River Association, therefore the name was adopted.

In 1936 four rooms were added to the sides of the church. They were built so they could be closed when needed for Sunday School rooms. These rooms are still in use. The rooms are opened for large crowds during worship service.

In 1954 Center began full-time worship services. Before this the church only had worship service twice a month on a Saturday and Sunday afternoon. Rev. Charles Allen was called to be the first full time pastor.

Center has a Sunday School that dates back to 1896. The first BYPU was organized in 1930.

Through funds from the estate of Miss Mary Williams, a scholarship fund was established with Campbell University to honor and remember members of Center Baptist Church.

Center Baptist Church has ordained three members to the ministry, Rev. Pierson Lockamy on June 25, 1939, Rev. Grady McKeithan on January 14, 1950 and Rev. Wanda Royal on July 29, 1984.

June 11, 1995 Center celebrated 100th year anniversary with dinner on the grounds. Buried a time capsule on Oct. 15, 1995 to be opened in the year 2045. In 1999 had a special service to burn note for church.

The object of Center Baptist Church is and shall be the advancement of Christ's Kingdom among men and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

Central Baptist Church
602 Spring Avenue
Spring Lake, NC 28390
910-497-0459

Pastor:
Rev. Tom Brack

Central Baptist Church came into being at the close of a cottage prayer meeting in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Harkey, Sr., on the evening of October 3, 1952. By Sunday morning October 5 an abandoned Circus tent, chairs, benches, and a piano had been purchased with contributions and on faith. The tent was erectd on the Boulevard next to Mr. Pope Ferrell's service station. The church met at this location for the next few weeks with the formal organizational meeting being conducted on October 12, 1952.

Rev. J. M. Cranford was the first called pastor. He was also the pastor of Grace Baptist Church, so the two churches worked together with a plan by which the pastor could serve both churches.

During Central's first year, exactly one hundred members had joined the church, this is counting the 64 charter members. The first Sunday in October 1953 the first service was conducted in the new sanctuary and the first homecoming was observed. By the end of the first year 18 people had been baptized, and 12 had been added by letter and 2 by restoration.

In October 1972 Central Baptist Church celebrated the 20th anniversary. A weekend revival conducted by former members, ordained to the Gospel Ministry at Central, commemorated the occasion.

January 1981 Spanish Mission moved from Grace Baptist Church to Central Baptist Church.

In 1984 had a dedication of new steeple on sanctuary, had Deacon Ordination Ceremony and Spanish Mission let to have own church.

Through regular outreach visitations our mission focus is to reach those who are in need of the influence of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Clement Baptist Church
6020 Maxwell Road
Autryville, NC 28318
910-567-6777

Pastor:
Dr. James E. Dees, Jr.

On April 21, 1888, Lee Roy Baptist Church was established in memory of a deceased daughter of Captain J. L. Autry. It was Captain Autry who gave the land, house, some books and furniture to start a Baptist Church. On September 22, 1888, the name of the church was changed to Clement Baptist Church. Clement Baptist Church became a member of the South River Baptist Association.

Clement Baptist Church called Rev. Gerald Bridges as its first full time pastor on June 10, 1951. A house was rented in the community for $35.00 a month to be used as a parsonage.

A 60 X 40 foot sancturary was built in 1947. In July of 1951 one acre of land was given to the church by Mrs. Anna Autry and son James to be used to build a parsonage on. The construction of a seven room house soon began. Clement sponsored its first Vacation Bible School in 1952.

In January 1955 a three story building consisting of four Sunday School classrooms on two floors, a fellowship hall, and kitchen were added to the church facilities.

Some recent improvements to the church facility include, the filling in with dirt of low land to be used as parking, the enlargement of and sealing of the paved parking lot, handicap ramp, storm windows, refinishing and padding of the oak pews in the sanctuary and wood work refinishing in the sanctuary. Sound System with hearing impaired capabilities was installed. The purchase impaired capabilities was installed. The church purchased four acres of land.

In 1979 purchased an electric piano for the youth department. 1980 panelled one Sunday School Room. Purchased in 1981 new central heating and air conditioning for the entire church.

In 1985 purchased new choir robes, bought new appliances for parsonage and did lots of repairs to parsonage.

In 1999 built 7,800 sq. ft. fellowship hall and educational building, expanded paved parking area, enlarged cemetery, established a playground for younger children and voted to call a Minister of Youth.

In 2000 started a Wednesday night fellowship meal, dedication service for new fellowship hall and educational building, remodeling project, building a church office, pastors study and library in older building. Participated in Governor Hunts Church 2 Church Project helping to rebuild a church in Seven Springs, NC.

Clement Baptist Church provides spiritual growth opportunities, training and music opportunities for all ages.

Cliffdale Community Church
8383 Cliffdale Road
Fayetteville, NC 28314
910-860-3559

Pastor:
Rev. Grady "Morris" Barnett

For several years New South River Baptist Association was concerned about the lack of a church in the Cliffdale Community. In 1996 New South River Baptist Association employed Phil Addison to do a survey of the area.

Phil Addison's report:
After contacting over 300 residents that they were interested in having a church in their area. Phil said that there was someone interested in starting a Bible Study in that area also. Dr. Gault stated that Phil had only been asked to work for 10 weeks and that the time would soon be up. He asked "What are we going to do now, stop or continue the work?" A motion was made and passed that Dr. Gault or the committee secure someone to work on a temporary basis until we come to the place for a permanent leader for that area.

Later in 1996 Village Baptist Church called Rev. Morris Barnett as a Church Planter for Cliffdale. Dr. Bruce Martin spoke about the Cliffdale West work and thanked the churches in the association for being soul winners. He reported that Village Baptist Church had called Morris Barnett as pstor of the Cliffdale West work. The report he gave estimated that there are 27,000 people living in that area. He stated that Village would be the mother church of that work and they had voted to fund $20,000.00 to help get it started. Richard Hicks made a motion that the association follow through on the request for finanical support of $833.00 per month for the remainder of 1966. This motion was seconded and passed by the Executive Committee.

Cliffdale Community is still under Mission status under New South River Baptist Association.

Concord Baptist Church
P O Box 429
Stedman, NC 28391

Pastor:
Rev. Frank P. Davis

Concord Baptist Church first began to meet in the Sandy Creek Meeting House. The building had a three-fold purpose: Missionary Baptist Church, Methodist Church and a school house. Later, the building was disassembled and moved by being placed on drags. Concord continued to meet in this building for worship.

The church agreed to build a new church in May 1903. The land for the new building was cleared in 1905. The church was built according to specifications except the steeple was never added. The church had two front doors, one for the ladies to use and one for the men to use.

The new Fellowship Hall was dedicated Homecoming Day of 1972. The new Educational Building was dedicated on Homecoming Day of 1976.

From the time of organization, the church has strived to meet the physical as well as the spiritual needs of the people. From the church records, several accounts are listed of the church helping not only their church community but also other churches communities.

Many saints have labored at Concord Baptist Church and their contributions to this local church and the Kingdom of God are great. James L. Autry was a Captain in the Confederate Army and lived in Autryville for whom the town was named. He left Concord Baptist Church to become one of the charter members of Long Branch Baptist Church.

Concord Baptist Church has a history to be proud of. Concord Baptist Church is the Mother Church of Long Branch Baptist Church organized in 1875 and Evergreen Baptist Church organized in 1879.

In 1978 built a new educational building.

In 1988 ordained Eloise Jackson as first lady deacon. In 1992 Concord Baptist Church celebrated 150 years of service. In 1999 sponsored 3 missionaries in the Ukraine.

Corinth Baptist Church
991 Corinth Church Road
Salemburg, NC 28385
910-564-6605

Pastor:
Rev. Tommy Honeycutt

Shortly after the turn of the Twentieth Century the people of this community found traveling very difficult to get to the nearest church on time for the worship service. Most of the traveling was done on foot or horseback. Later came the buggies, carts and wagons as a means of transportation.

Feeling the need for a church located nearer to their homes, Rev. W. J. Jones, who was then the President of Pineland College in Salemburg, began to conduct Sunday afternoon singing services and worship services at Butler School. Butler School was located near the present church building. Worship services at Butler School were conducted for about five years, until the church could be built.

Originally the church had only one room, but as years passed the church was greatly blessed and prospered and other changes were made. As the years passed the membership grew, the need for a fellowship hall was very evident. After much discussion a conference was called and the church decided to build a fellowship hall in 1968. The fellowship hall is also used for class rooms.

Two revivals are held annually at Corinth Baptist Chruch. Harvest Day is always held the first Sunday in October, this has been a tradition since 1947.

Corinth Baptist Church received its name from the Bible, the church at Corinth. Piney Green Baptist Church is known as our Mother Church.

In 1977 added a large porch with hand rails to the church and painted the church.

1980 added pastor's study, nursery, storage room and carpeted the floors. Purchased new choir robes in October 1983.

On April 1984 new steeple erected, church pews refinished and cushioned. Grounds landscaped and parking lot paved.

Cumberland Baptist Church
4957 Cumberland Road
Fayetteville, NC 28306
910-425-0816

Pastor:
Rev. Bill Allen

In 1883, on a hill that is now Butler Cemetery on John Smith Road, Cumberland Baptist Church was organized. Originally it was named Union Springs Baptist Church because of several springs flowing together near the church.

In 1887, a one-room wooden building was constructed and dedicated under the leadership of two early pastors, Rev. Johnny Gibbs and Rev. C. R. Hester.

During the pastorate of Rev. Hester, the small building was relocated to the present site in what use to be know as Cumberland Mills, North Carolina, a small community west of Fayetteville. Today the site has been included in the city of Fayetteville.

On March 18, 1956, the name of the church was changed from Union Springs Baptist Church to Cumberland Baptist Church.

In 1960, work had sufficiently progressed on the new church educational building to permit use of it while the wooden church was torn down. The existing brick sanctuary was completed in November 1961. Some of the original framing timbers, more than 100 years old, were used as spire supports this having been used three times as the church expanded and rebuilt.

From 1995 to 1997, Cumberland Baptist Church served as the Mother Church to Cumberland Hispanic Mission. The mission served as an outreach to the Spanish people of Cumberland County.

Cumberland Baptist Church continues to strive to provide ministries that reach out to all people. The church has recently begun a children's program and a rest home ministry, along with the AWANA program, Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) and Sunday School outreach. In service in the community, the church has worked with Cumberland Mills Elementary School to help provide for the needs of the students.

Construction of a new multi-purpose building was completed in the fall of 1998. We are prayerfully seeking God's will for the future of Cumberland Baptist Church. We are confident that God has great plans for the church in the days to come.

Cumberland Union Baptist Church
7096 Tabor Church Road
Fayetteville, NC 28301
910-483-4905

Pastor:
Rev. Darien Spivey

Cumberland Union Baptist Church was organized the Saturday before the second Sunday in April 1878. There were twelve Charter Members.

The local Masons of the community, not having a lodge near by, made an agreement with the church to help it put up a two story building. The lower story to be used for Church services and the upper story to be used for a Masonic Lodge. Therefore the church building was two stories for many years.

Rev. E. D. Johnson was the first pastor who gave faithful service for one year after which he resigned.

Rev. A. R. Pitman was the second pastor and he served faithfully for 17 years and 10 months. He preached Christ and lived up to his preaching and kept up a continous war on all sin, especially strong drink.

In 1886 there came an earthquake, which had a frightening effect on the people. Two revival meetings were held that year and many additions were made to the church. Rev. Pitman resigned due to ill health.

In 1905 the church was remodeled, the Masonic Lodge was not being used any longer, it was removed and some changes in the building took place.

In 1908 there came a fresh in Cape Fear River, which damaged the crops of many of the church members. This reflected in the progress of the church building. In the World War many of the members of the church were drafted into the Military Service.

About the year 1920 four Sunday School rooms were added to the church.

In 1928 the church celebrated the 50 years since its organization. Dinner was served on the ground. One of the Charter Members, a former Sunday School Superintendent and a former pastor was present for this occasion.

During the Depression Years the church held up well and continue to go forward.

During World War II, some of the members of the church were taken into the service. One or two of the members gave their lives for their country.

In the 1950's the church continued to go forward, two more Sunday School rooms and a hall was added to the church building. Soon a fellowship hall was built on the church grounds.

In 1980 Cumberland Union built a parsonage. 1983 began congregational services for the first time in church history; joined Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary, expanding Fellowship Hall and creating new classroom space. March 28, 1984 operated Crisis Center after tornado. 1991 moved choir loft and enlarged sanctuary. 1995 purchased two acres of land for future sanctuary.

Elizabeth Baptist Church
1481 Fleet Cooper Road
Roseboro, NC 28382
910-564-4908

Pastor:
Rev. Dudley Neal

That infamous war that pitted brother against brother and father against son was over and the days of reconstruction were ending. Down in eastern N.C. between Great and Little Coharie Creeks about five miles before they come together a few men of vision were plotting a course for the education and spiritual growth of their families and community. A new church was being nurtured to life.

The exact date and orgin is not clearly documented, but from best available information the date is around 1883.

Arrangements were made with White Oak Church to use their building as a meeting place until a church could be built. January 1, 1886 the thirty-five charter members had a pastor and the trustees were organized. A four acre tract of land for the sum of five dollars was sold to be used as a church and school house, to revert back to the original owners when no longer used for this purpose. Rev. J. O. Tew helped to cut the first tree to start building the first church.

In November 1908 Elizabeth Baptist Church was reaching out to help others. The State Missions, Home Missions, Education, orphanges and for the Association were a few of the groups helped by this church.

In February 1919 the deacons were appointed to lay plans for a new building or repainting the church. The church voted to build a new house out on the public road . On the third Sunday in July 1919 the building committee reported that the house would be ready for use the next Sunday and that the Sunday School move over there for work. It was voted that Elizabeth Baptist Church would see after and keep up the cemetery at the old church ground. The land was purchased from Haywood Faircloth for the sum of ten dollars. This deed was made the 22 day of March 1919.

The leadership of Rev. G. N. Ashley began in 1937. The church had come through the great depression and began a steady spiritual and physical growth that was to last into four decades.

The second Sunday in December 1943 Peyton Royal was ordained into the ministry. Memorial windows were added, a new heating system installed and new pews were purchased.

Th WMU was started in 1950. In 1954 a new educational building was built. August 7, 1958 an organ was purchased. The Brotherhood was organized in 1959 with 29 members. The RA's was started in the early 1960's with 14 boys from Elizabeth Baptist Church and Harmony Baptist Church.

Charles Cherry was ordained into the ministry in the 1950's.

October 1965 a new sanctuary was completed. June 30, 1973 a new parsonage was completed, it was dedicated Feb. 6, 1977 debt free.

Eureka Baptist Church
Rt., 10, Box 284
Fayetteville, NC 28311

Pastor:
Rev. Dwight Easler

Eureka Baptist Church was established in March 1956. Meetings were held in a pack barn until a church could be built. The church was built on the corner of Eureka Avenue and Church Street.

The first service in the new Educational Building was on June 3, 1956.

In April 1959 a frame barrack building was given to the church. It cost $150.00 to move the building and $120.00 to repair the building so it could be used.

April 1960 the church moved Associational membership from Little River Baptist Association to New South River Baptist Association.

In 1980 the vacant lot adjacent to church property was developed into a ball field for the men and women's ball teams. Cost of the material and the labor was donated to the church. The church was chiefly responsible for the paving of Eureka Avenue and the collection of money for the paving from the property owners. In 1981 the church erected a 6' fence around the ball field.

April 28, 1984 Ground Breaking for the new sanctuary and May 1, 1984 the foundation for the new sanctuary was poured. The dedication service for the new sanctuary was November 25, 1984.

A new Fellowship Hall was built in 1992. The dedication service was November 19, 1992.

June 30, 1996 a dedication service was held to name the new Fellowship Hall in memory of Mrs. Hanna Rae Keefe. Mrs. Keefe was our of the pastor's wife, Mrs. Keefe passed away in October 1995.

Eureka Baptist Church is a mission minded church. We currently give 44% of our offerings directly to missions.

Listed are the pastors of Eureka :

Rev. J. B. Hewitt March 1956-June 1959
Rev. Milton Bettini August 1959-January 1962
Rev. Bill Pruitt, Jr. August 1962-November 1967
Rev. Henry Herring February 1968-July 1976
Rev. Robert Luttrell February 1977-December 1979
Rev. Leon Keefe January 1980-February 1998
(retired "Pastor Emeritus")
Rev. Dwight Easler, Jr. April 1998 – Present

Evergreen Baptist Church
9677 NC Hwy 210 S
Autryville, NC 28318
910-531-3741

Pastor:
Rev. Roger White (Interim)

The Evergreen Community being a rural, sparsely populated community, saw a great need for a meeting house, a place to preach the Gospel. The closest churches, Beaver Dam Baptist Church and Concord Baptist Church, were too far a distance to attend by walking or by cart.

Evergreen Baptist Church was formed in 1880 when several of our fore fathers were granted permission from Concord Baptist Church to leave and form a new church in this community.

The first church building was called the Meeting House, built on land given by a slave owner. The Meeting House was a log building with a door at each end and a fire place.

In 1922 a frame church building was built. As time went by stained glass windows were added.

The first Harvest Day was held on a Thanksgiving Day. Very few folk brought things to sell, they gave a list to the auctioneer, hogs, chicken and produce were picked up by the buyer. A hat was taken from one man's head, it brought the highest price of all.

In the early 1950's the existing sanctuary was built with no funds borrowed.

In the mid 1970's the Fellowship Hall was added.

In 1986 the Baptist Men's program was started at Evergreen Baptist Church.

In 1995 two new Deacons were ordained.

From the vision of just a few people in 1880 until now Evergreen Baptist has continued to worship the Lord with gladness. There have been 18 pastors who have led the church.

Evergreen Baptist is very active in missions, have met or exceeded their goal in the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. The church has also participated in the Shoe Box Ministry.

Several Evergreen church members have been on mission trips to Brazil, New York and New Hampshire. The GA's attended the Summer camp at Campbell University this year.

Sunday Services – 10:00 AM Sunday School
Wednesday Night Services:
7:30 PM Mission Friends, GA's , RA's, Prayer Service and Bible Study
8:15 PM Choir Practice
Every fourth Monday 7:30 WOM

Fayetteville First Baptist
201 Anderson Street
Fayetteville, NC 28301
910-483-0477

Pastor:
Rev. Edward Beddingfield

The First Baptist Church of Fayetteville, with 28 charter members, was constituted on November 25, 1837. The members met in a new frame building on the corner of Anderson and Old Streets. The building contained one room with galleries on both sides and across the front, crude benches for seating, and candles were used for lighting. There were no other Baptist Churches in Fayetteville.

The lot, part of a 200 acre tract granted by King George II in 1750 to Thomas Brooks, was bought by Colonel Charles McAllister in 1832. Colonel McAllister sold the property for $200.00 to the church trustees in 1838.

The one room building was modified several times to add Sunday School rooms, a large pipe organ, and a tall steeple to house a bell. Baptism was often administered in Cross Creek near the church until 1854 when a brick baptistery and dressing rooms were added to the building.

The early church felt the impact of the Civil War, both in the loss of members and financial strength. Two references to the war are recorded. One was in the form of a resolution offering the church bell to the Confederate government to be manufactured into war implements. The other notation was made in 1865 in regard to the poverty of the church brought about by Sherman's Army.

In 1906 the first church building was demolished and the present brick sturcture was completed and dedicated May 1, 1910.

The church again experienced the reality of war in 1917, World War I. An epidemic of influenza raged throughout the state and the church doors were closed for a time when health authorities ordered all assemblies disbanded.

In 1926 a second floor of classrooms was constructed and after 1940, in order to take care of overflow crowds resulting from war time increases in civilian defense workers, soldiers and their families, a balcony and 350 seats were added to the sanctuary. A brick building was erected in 1955 on an adjoining lot which contains the library, gym, choir room, church offices and classrooms.

A Child Care Center, ministry to the deaf and a youth ministry has been started. An extensive renovation program was completed in 1987. The sanctuary choir area was reconstructed, a new piano, organ and sound system added. The property was beautifully landscaped in 1991 for which the church received recognition from the Fayetteville Appearance Commission.

In 1997 a renovation project consisting of a new elevator, drive through canopy and new entrance and second story connector.

Dr. Glenn Holt retired after having served for 30 1/2 years as pastor.

Throughout its long history, the First Baptist Church has continued to move forward and still strives to meet the varying needs of a constantly changing membership in an ever-changing world.

Fayetteville Korean Baptist Church
6881 Cliffdale Road
Fayetteville, NC 28314
910-867-5118

Pastor:
Rev. James Chung

The Fayetteville Korean Mission started in 1976 with Snyder Memorial Baptist Church as their mother church. They began meeting at Snyder Memorial in the Chapel with Ho Chung Pack as pastor. Once they became large enough, they moved to a location on Cliffdale Road. Rev. Pack resigned to serve on the mission field.

February 6, 1995 Rev. James Chung was called to be their senior pastor. Due to an increase in membership a building committee was organized in July 1996.

April 19, 1998 they had the presentation to transfer the ownership of the church property from Snyder Memorial Baptist Church. June 7, 1998, the transfer was completed. On July 6, 1998 construction for the new church was started. July 12, 1998 ground breaking service was held.

In 1999 Fayetteville Korean held the dedication service for the new sanctuary. They had an ordination service for Rev. Byoungkyun Bae. A Summer Mission school was started and a Pre-school for the year 1999-2000.

Fayetteville Second Baptist Church
P O Box 953
Fayetteville, NC 28302
910-483-6690

Pastor:
Rev. David Holloway

Organized in 1912, The Second Baptist Church has brought the Gospel to hundreds of people in Fayetteville while making a great contribution to world missions. The orginal site of the church building was on Burns Street. On April 27, 1917 the new building was erected on Person Street and the name was changed to Person Street Baptist Church. In 1936 the name was changed back to Second Baptist.

For the first 29 years going was rough and growth was slow. The church changed pastors often. For a while First Baptist Church furnished financial and leadership assistance. As late as 1941 the total membership was not more than 155.

In October 1941 the Rev. C. R. Johnson became pastor. The prospects of growth under this great man of God were beset by misfortune. In February of 1942 the building and all records were destroyed by fire. The nation was engaged in World War II. Therefore, rebuilding appeard to be next to impossible. Without records to guide him, Rev. Johnson found about 75 members who were willing to make an attempt at erecting a new building. On Mother's Day 1943 about 100 resident members patricipated in worship in the new auditorium.

An Educational Building was completed in 1947, the pastor's home in 1950, and two buildings adjacent to the church were purchased and converted into educational space in 1952. A new educational building was completed in 1955, and two houses with one vacant lot was purchased for future development.

In June 1947 Rev. C. R. Johnson's son, Rev. J. P. Johnson, became Director of Religious Education. After the death of Rev. C. R. Johnson the church extended the call to Rev. J. P. Johnson to become the pastor.

In 1952 the membership had reached 549. In 1968 a new front was added to the church. A new pastors home was purchased in 1970.

A handicap lift was installed in 1985. In 1987 the outside of the church was painted and the sanctuary was renovated. The church celebrated the 75th anniversary in 1987.

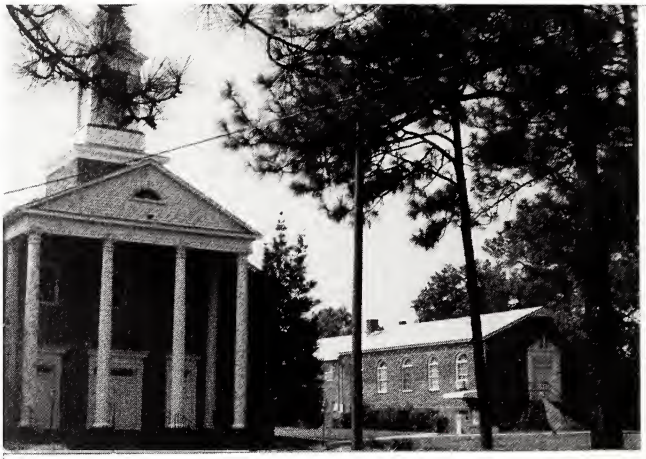
In October 1994 the pastorium was paid off; purchased and paid for church van; renovated steeple; renovated pastorium with paint, vinyl siding, wallpaper; carpet, drapes, and new light fixtures. Fayetteville Second celebrated its 83rd homecoming.

February 1996 the offices and pastor's study was renovated, and placed a large steeple on the church and had a dedication prayer.

In 1997 Fayetteville Second Baptist Church was incorporated. In 1998 a new roof on Johnson Memorial Building and feed the homeless one Saturday each month.

Faymont Baptist Church
3663 Cumberland Road
Fayetteville, NC 28306
910-425-7108

Pastor:
Rev. Sherill Boykin



During the year of 1947 a small group started meeting to discuss the possibility of a church being built. The people meeting were of different denominations but the majority were Baptist. It was decided to vote that the church be established as a Missionary Baptist Church. There were 27 charter members when the church was organized January 18, 1948. Having no church building the group met in the homes of Mr. & Mrs. Hervy Cope and Mr. & Mrs. J L. Allen on Sunday afternoons for prayer, singing and planning.

The new church needed a name, people submitted names and the church voted the name of the church would be Faymont Baptist Church. This name was submitted by Mrs. Grace Powell Smith.

After much thought and prayer two lots were purchased at 4205 Cumberland Road. It was decided that a temporary building be built. The building had a tar paper roof, a coal stove for heat, a saw dust floor, board seats were built and a used piano was purchased.

The church had a called conference June 27, 1948 and voted to call Rev. George Hocutt as the first pastor. The membership was growing and plans were being made for a better and larger place to worship. August 17, 1948 the congregation voted to build a new church. One committee was to act at the building and the finance committee. Ground breakding services were held March 13, 1949 at 2:00 o'clock for the new church. Rev. Louis Gaines from Fayetteville First Baptist Church brought the first message, he was assisted by Rev. Walter Buthrie and Rev. E. B. Booker.

July of 1949 was a great time for the church. The WMU was organized with the help of Mrs. Waldo Early . A series of revival services were held with Rev. C. R. Johnson. There were 32 additions to the church, 25 baptisms and 7 by letter.

In February 1950, a new building of brick veneer and concrete blocks (32X50 feet), was completed. In 1958 the building was extended to 82 feet in length to add Sunday School space. In 1962 the church purchased on lot and a two bedroom house, this lot was adjacent to the church property.

In 1980 the church held a debt retirement program and completely paid the church debt. In 1982 the Youth participated in a ministry to migrants.

In 1993 the Youth and Adults went to Charleston, S.C. for a week of beach ministry and Back Yard Bible Clubs.

The year of 1998 Faymont Baptist Church celebrated 50 years in God's Ministry.

Fellowship Baptist Church
4916 Main Street
Hope Mills, NC 28348
910-426-1964

Pastor:
Rev. James Willoughby

Fellowship Baptist Mission began Sunday, September 19, 1995 in a gymnasium off Bingham Drive in Fayetteville. Those attending that first meeting were friends and families that had worshiped together within the last year.

Dr. Benjamin S. Gault, Jr., Director of Missions of New South River Baptist Association, kindley consented to meet with the group of people and share information about different options that could be taken. There was a church service following this meeting with 48 people in attendance.

The next meeting was the following Sunday when it was decided and voted on to continue to meet and pursue further church organization. On September 24, 1995, the group met again for church, and decided to begin to have evening services also. This was the day the name of the church would be Fellowship Baptist Church.

The first Wednesday night Bible study was held September 25, 1995 at the home of Dave and Mittie Adams, there were 28 people in attendance. First organized Sunday School was October 1, 1995 with 42 in attendance.

The need for more space was becoming very evident. After several attempts to rent a place for our church, one member said " I know you won't believe this but there is a bar for sale, with about 5 acres of land and I think we can make it into a nice little church." Of course the women of the church said "WHAT". This place was rented with the option to purchase a two year lease. The entire church people spent endless hours working to turn that smelly bar into a beautiful church to worship our Lord in.

Easter of 1996 was held in the new church building.

In 1998 it was time to purchase the building or lose it. The congregation was so small that it was going to be a great task, but God worked it all out. The money was borrowed to purchase the property.

First United Baptist Church
2002 Chicken Foot Road
Hope Mills, NC 28348
910-425-2138

Pastor:
Rev. John Cuthill

On Sunday, May 14, 1978, a group of ninety-four people joined together in a worship service at the home of Linda Cashwell. These people were bonded together by the desire to form a new church. A church, where worship would not be hindered by convention or held back by tradition. Where all, regardless of age, would be allowed a voice in the decision made by the church. After the service, a business session was held. The name First United Baptist Church was decided upon by a unanimous vote. Rev. Jack Church was called by unanimous vote to be the pastor.

After the worship service on Sunday, May 21, 1978, the church door were opened for charter members and the response was great, there were 73 charter members. Afterwards the building and grounds committee were elected to begin the search for land to be used as a building site. In order to buy the land and to have a clear deed, church members and friends either donated or made loans to the church for the purchase of the land. The purchase of the land was completed on October 13, 1978.

November 13, 1978 a ground breaking service was held at the church site. The men of the church worked any time they could.

May 13, 1979, Sunday, one year after the first meeting, the first service was held in this new House Of The Lord. The members worked hard and gave generously. Pews and pulpit furniture was purchased from Stoney Point Baptist Church. Pledges were made by the church people to pay for the pews and furniture. The building was dedicated in 1979 and the church was voted upon and accepted into the New South River Baptist Association.

At the close of the second year, there were 113 church members and 175 enrolled in Sunday School. There were 21 additions by Baptism and 2 to be Baptized later. The church led the Association in growth percentage wise in 1979-1980.

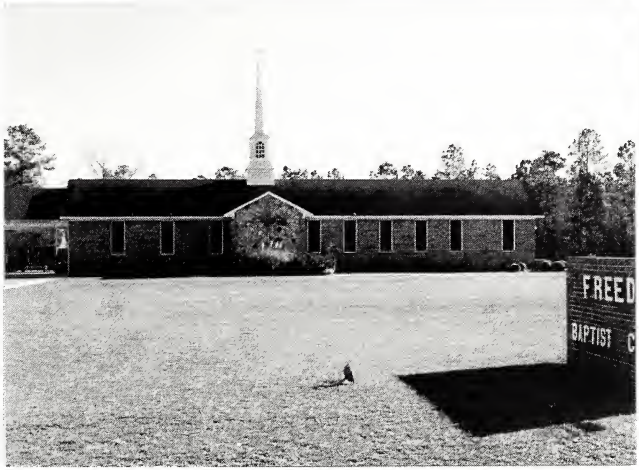
Plans for a Fellowship Building were being made. The building and grounds committee started to work. On a Saturday morning in early Fall, the men met at the church for an early breakfast. By lunch, the 32'X80' building was completely dried in. In 1981 this building was completed at the cost of $13,000.00, the labor was donated by the men of the church. The Fellowship Building was dedicated in 1981.

In 1982 the church bid on 7 acres of land adjoining the church property. In 1983 the land was purchased by the church.

May 9, 1993 First United celebrated 15th anniversary.

Freedom Baptist Church
753 Huntley School Road
Roseboro, NC 28382
910-564-6898

Pastor:
Rev. Ivan Byrd



Freedom Baptist Church was organized in Herring Community Building on Hwy. 421 September 7, 1978 with 54 charter members. Rev. Charles A. Stevens, Director of Missions of the New South River Baptist Association assisted in the organization of the church.

The church building was a renovated house given by Mrs. Wilma McLamb and son. Mrs. Mclamb and family donated 4 acres of land across the road from the church.

The year 1979 was a year of growth for the church. The clearing of the land for the future site of the church began September 18, 1979. A parsonage was purchased by the church October 15, 1979. Freedom was received into full fellowship of the New South River Baptist Association October 23, 1979, at the meeting at Lebanon Baptist Church.

October 5, 1980 the building site was dedicated .

In 1982 moved into new church building and in October 1982 dedicated new building. In 1984 started building new recreation building.

In 1992 Freedom Baptist Church gained 30 new members and started building new Fellowship Hall and 4 classrooms. Held dedication for new classrooms, fellowship hall, and secretary office in April 1993.

Installed new steeple and held dedication service September 1995. In 1996 placed a large steeple with a dedication prayer in February.

In 1998 paved the church parking lot and dedicated it August 29, 1998. Have built a large storage room with bathroom attached to the fellowship hall.

Enrollment has grown from 54 charter members to 200 in membership.

Friendship Baptist Church
3232 Davis Street
Hope Mills, NC 28348
910-424-4052

Pastor:
Rev. Tom Hayes

Friendship Baptist held its first meeting on April 1, 1979. For about 18 months the people met in Reeves Funeral Home and Hamilton & Porter Funeral Home for their services. Five acres of land was purchased on Davis Street to build a church on. Members of the church built the church except for the brick work. For the first four years they only used the upstairs. Gradually the downstairs which includes 10 classrooms, kitchen, dinning room and fellowship hall was completed.

In 1998 a new baptistry was installed. In 1999 the church chimes were completed, bought a set of new Hymnals and paved the driveway to the church.

Rev. Fred Hall was pastor at Friendship Baptist Church for almost 20 years.

Gethsemane Baptist Church
4300 Blanton Road
Fayetteville, NC 28303
910-488-8752

Pastor:
Rev. Howard Lucas

Gethsemane Baptist Church was founded February 24, 1952 in a Barber Shop on Bragg Blvd. Mr. B. F. Harril owned the Barber Shop. After three services in the Barber Shop the church secured a warehouse on Johnson Street from Mr. B. F. Harril and worshiped there until November 1952.

The church was duly organized on May 4, 1952 under the leadership of Rev. Tom E. Walters, Associational Missionary of New South River Baptist Association. Rev. Walters suggested the name Gethsemane which was unanimously adopted by the church.

Open for one month to be a charter member from May 4 – April 4, 1952, there were 38 charter members as of April 4, 1952.

Rev. E. N. Teague was pastor from October 1952 – January 1955. During this time Shaw Heights was founded as a Mission.

In 1956 the church building burned and the congregation moved back to the B.F. Harril Barber Shop on Bragg Blvd.. The congregation met at the Barber Shop until land was purchased at the corner of Blanton Road and Duncan Street. December 19, 1959 the new church building was dedicated.

Rev. Paul Trogden was pastor from 1959 to July 1964. During this time a Fellowship Building was built and the parsonage was sold. The membership was approximately 140.

Rev. Thomas Whitmire was pastor from 1964 to January 31, 1971. October 1965 the old Church debt was paid. The note burning service was November 7, 1965. Adjoining land was purchased and a new sanctuary completed and dedicated on February 23, 1969. May 5, 1971 the kitchen and Fellowship Building was completed. The Fellowship Building was dedicated as "Whitmire Fellowship Hut".

Rev. Ed. Hamblin was pastor from November 21, 1971 – November 12, 1972. During this time the church purchased and paid for a new organ. October 1972 the new organ was stolen from the church.

In 1973 an new organ was purchased.

Other Historical Facts:

1978 – Clearing of four lots for recreation

1980 – Paved parking lot, painted outside of church building and landscaped around church

1982 – Church debt paid off; note burning ceremony was held on August 1, 1982; Rev. T. Q Whitmire was guest speaker for the morning service

1984 – Started Youth Survival Kit Bible Study, was started weekly church fellowship Planning for building expansion, and planning to call a full-time minister of Youth and Music

1990 – Set up a Historical area with photos, scrapbooks and a brief history of the church

1999 – mortgage paid off, had note burning

Golfview Drive Baptist Church
P O Box 243
Hope Mills, NC 28348
910-424-1800

Pastor:
Rev. Joe Gerald

The history begins in January of 1982 but first some backgroud. Rev. Leon Humphrey and his wife Judy began pastorate at Stoney Point Baptist Church in July 1981. During that time he brought spirit filled services to the church with Bible preaching and soul winning. He was very active in holding Bible studies at Southview Senior High School and Stoney Point Baptist Church. Membership and attendance increased by a hunderd plus in six months. On Wednesday night in January 1982 during the business meeting at Stoney Point Rev. Humphrey was terminated as pastor.

On the following Saturday night a number of people who were disappointed by the way Rev. Humphrey had been terminated met with him at the Big Rockfish Baptist Church. We sang, prayed and fellowshipped together with Rev. Humphrey. He was encouraging everyone to attend church somewhere on Sunday morning.

On the first Sunday in Feburary 1982 a new church was established and organized . Meetings were held in the Hamilton-Porter Funeral Home Chapel for several weeks. Joyce Pate suggested Koinonia Baptist Church as the name, it was voted on and accepted.

Sunday School was held in the homes of several members. June an old warehouse was rented on main street in Hope Mills for worship services.

One service that stands out is when Rev. Humphrey found an old shoeshine stand. He used it to help demonstrate humility. He shined the shoes of several members. We all felt the humility that Jesus taught us during this special time. The attendance grew so quickly that we purchased folding chairs. We asked the New South River Baptist Association for membership during this time. Rev. Humphrey resigned in July 1983 to move to Titusville, Florida. The membership began to decrease each Sunday.

Rev. Lloyd King was called to pastor and the church began meeting at the Sunshine Senior Citizen Building on Davis Street, Hope Mills, N.C. During this time the Women's Missionary Union was organized and held the first meeting in November 1982.

The church family purchased 18 acres of land on Golfview Drive past Blacks Bridge. After Rev. King's resignation Rev. Phil Lloyd was Interim Pastor and the membership began meeting in the cinder block building on the left down Rockfish Road toward Stoney Point.

In March 1985 Rev. Joe E. Gerald was called as pastor. Old Antioch School building that had been burned was moved on the 18 acres of land.

Rev. John Willis became pastor in Dec. 1996. Church property paid off in March 1997. Church was incorporated in Oct. 1998. Rev. John Willis resigned in 1999. Rev. Tom Fulk served until his death in July 2000. Rev. Joe Gerald returned and is serving as pastor of Golfview Church.

Grace Baptist Church
3901 Raeford Road
Fayetteville, NC 28304
910-323-1630

Pastor:
Rev. James F. Merkel

Grace Baptist Church of Fayetteville, Inc. began as a mission from the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, Cliffdale Road Fayetteville, NC.

On May 4, 1952, at 3:00 P.M., a meeting was held in the basement of the Highland Drive-In for the purpose of organization of the church and election of officers. The meeting was called to order by the Rev. Baxter Walker, the song "How Firm A Foundation" was sung, after the song a prayer by Mr. G. B. Shaw. Dr. Louis Gaines, pastor of First Baptist Church of Fayetteville was approved by the congregation as acting moderator.

On May 11, 1952 a committee of three brought a recommendation to the church concerning a name. "After much prayer and meditation the committee has chosen and does hereby submit the name of *GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH* using Ephensians 2:8". The committee also recommended that this scripture be used as a theme for the church. Both name and theme were accepted with out opposition.

On June 8, 1952 Grace Baptist Church was organized with twenty charter members and became a member of the New South River Baptist Association, The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Berean Baptist Church is a result of a group of persons and deacons who pulled out of Grace Bapitst Church in 1967.

October 3, 1965, Grace held the dedication service for the present sanctuary.

In 1984 the church voted to enter a building program for additional educational space. In 1985 the new building was started. The renovation and new addition to the Education Building was completed in June 1986.

A dedication service for the new piano, in memory of Mr. Ernest Plummer, was September 11, 1988.

In 1991 new choir robes were purchased and new Minister of Music was hired. The church steeple was covered with vinyl.

In 1992 irrigation system was installed and a commercial refrigerator was purchased for the kitchen.

In 1993 Betty Sue Taylor was sent into full-time missionary service through the Co-Mission Project. A computer was purchased for the church office and a security system was installed in the church.

In 1995 repairs and improvements to the church inside and out and all improvements paid for.

Under the leadership of Rev. Merkel, Grace Baptist has played an integral part in establishing a mission station and planting churches in and outside of Punta Gorda in Belize. Church members assisted resident of Crusoe Island in rebuilding homes that were damaged by Hurricane Floyd.

Harmony Baptist Church
1537 Harmony Church Road
Clinton, NC 28328
910-564-6713

Pastor:

A group of twenty-six baptized believers, under the leadership of Rev. C. D. Peterson met on September 15, 1921 for the purpose of organizing Harmony Baptist Church. The Covenant, taken from the minutes of the Eastern Association, and the Articles of Faith (articles one thru sixteen) were adopted.

In 1922 the church sent delegates to the New South River Baptist Association to apply for membership in the association, the membership was granted.

The structure was small, one room building with two front doors and a division down the center. The men sat on the right side and the women sat on the left side. Sunday School classes met in small groups in the building.

The first Harvest Day was held November 27, 1936 under the leadership of Dr. R. F. Marshburn. With spiritual and financial encouragement members began to repair the building.

The first Vacation Bible School was held in 1946, the same week as revival.

Due to Sunday School growth, a building program was begun in 1947, when six classrooms, electricity and a bell tower was added.

In February of 1950 a church bus was purchased, thus the bus ministry was started.

Under the leadership of Rev. Eddie Weathington a new sanctuary was completed, the old structure was remodeled and brick veneered.

In 1977 The Senior Citizens group was organized; dinner and entertainment each month sponsored by Woman's Missionary Union.

Under the leadership of Rev. Clyde Davis, former Associational Missionary of New South River Baptist Association, a fellowship building, classrooms, pastors study and Sunday School office were added in 1992.

Much growth took place under the leadership of Rev. Andy Landrum from 1993-1997. Ordination Service were held for Rev. Andy Landrum July 18, 1993.

In 2000 a Note Burning Service in March. In June baptized 9 at one service. July sponsored a co-ed softball team. In August 2000 had Deacon ordination.

Highland Baptist Church
4456 Legion Road
Hope Mills, NC 28348
910-425-5305

Pastor:
Rev. Gary Ballance

In 1900 as a community church Rockfish Baptist Church was started. The other denominations soon started their own churches. Rockfish Baptist Church was a member of the Cumberland Association. The minutes go back to 1918 when the pastor was Rev. D. E. Hill, a student at Wake Forest. Rockfish joined the Robeson Association in 1918.

In June 1940 the name of the church was changed from Rockfish Baptist Church to Highland Baptist Church. In 1950 Highland Baptist Church joined the New South River Baptist Association.

In 1955 a remodeling program was started. The interior and exterior was redone. New classrooms were added, new furniture bought and heating and air conditioning was installed. This was done while Rev. Deon Butler was pastor.

The late 1960's the church began to realize that they soon would be needing more space. There was no way to add to the present building. A five tract of land on Legion Road was purchased. Soon after the purchase of the land for the church building, a home on Main Street in Hope Mills was purchased for the pastors home.

In 1972 Ground Breaking Services were held for starting the new building on Legion Road. In September of 1972 construction began.

August 1973 the church was completed enough that a Day Care Center and Kindergarten were started. The first Sunday of October 1973 the first services were held in the new building. This was Dedication Day and Homecoming Day.

In 1980 the bell from the old church was restored, the bell was 76 years old at this time.

Four men have been sent out into the ministry from the church; Ernest Packer, Chuck Wells, Wesley Insor and Phillip Lloyd.

The Highland Baptist Church is committed to its Baptist Heritage; strives to minister at home and around the world, and has an open door to all who seek Christ as Lord and the fellowship of other Christians.

Hillside Baptist Church
3807 Legion Road
Hope Mills, NC 28348
910-425-1567

Pastor:
Rev. Phillip Lloyd

With the name of Hope Mills Baptist Mission approximately 17 persons were present for the first worship service on October 14, 1979. The services, under the leadership of Rev. C. J. Calvert, were held each Sunday on the second floor of the old Hope Mills Town Hall. The congregation grew until there were 50 charter members.

In April 1980 a building, which was previously used as a day room by the U. S. Military at Fort Bragg, was purchased and moved to the church location on Legion Road. Rev. Calvert and a group of church members renovated the structure. Members voted in favor of naming the church Hillside Baptist Church.

In 1981 a church office was added and a new wing was added to the sanctuary. Five Deacons were ordained.

In 1982 new pews were purchased for the church. A new Education Building was built this year.

In 1983 special gifts of a new piano and new choir robes were given to the church. The walkway was covered from the Sunday School rooms to the sanctuary.

In 1984 added Baptistry and Painting to the church building and new pews were installed in the left wing. A Missionary was commissioned.

In 1985 nine Home Missionaries were commissioned from Hillside Baptist Church.

In 1986 Commissioned three Home Missionaries and licensed one to preach.

In 1988 the church received 18 members by Baptism and 28 members by letter.

January 1990 paid off the church debt.

In 1993 sold $125,000.00 worth of bonds for educational building, bought carpet for the sanctuary, and painted the outside of the church.

In 1994 a fellowship building was built and additional Sunday School Classrooms were added.

In 1998 a steeple was added to the sanctuary. The Rupert D. Fairclotth Library was established this year also.

Pastor of Hillside have been:

Rev. C. J. Calvert – Oct. 1979-Jan. 1987
Rev. A. C. Tatum – Sept. 1987-Sept. 1995
Rev. Thomas Hayes – July 1996-Jan. 1998
Rev. Phillip Lloyd – August 1999 – Present

Todd Westfall is serving as Youth Pastor. Hillside is active in missions and ministries including WMU, AWANA, Rest Home Ministries, Divorce Care, and Grief Share.

Hillside Baptist Church is "Loving in Heart, Biblical in Doctrine, Evangelistic in Spirit, and Missionary in Emphasis".

Hope Mills First Baptist Church
1200 Cameron Road
Hope Mills, NC 28348
910-425-0912

Pastor:

The First Baptist Church of Hope Mills was organized in 1892 under the leadership of Rev. Cimmings West. The meeting place was the second floor of what was commonly know as the Company Store. The name was later changed to the Community Building.

The first church building was a small, one-room frame structure. On September 7, 1924 the church voted to become a part of the Robeson Baptist Association.

A Saturday afternoon in 1929 the church building was destroyed by fire when lightning struck the steeple. During the time a new building was being constructed. The Cotton Methodist Church extended an invitation to the Baptist Congregation to use their facilities. Services were held on Sunday afternoons until the new brick sanctuary was completed.

In 1958 a two-story educational wing with eleven rooms and a baptistry was added.

A fellowship building was erected at the rear of the church and a couples class was begun in 1970.

In 1977 a new and larger sanctuary was consturcted beside the old one and in the fall of that year it was dedicated.

In 1984 renovation of educational building was completed.

In 1988 Hope Mills First Baptist sold the parsonage and purchased a new church van.

In 1993 celebrated 100 year anniversary. Nineteen people went to Alexander Bay, N.Y. on a mission trip.

Immanuel Baptist Church
2512 Morganton Road
Fayetteville, NC 28303
910-484-1257

Pastor:
Rev. David Crumpler

Fitty years ago, Rev. Edwin F. Perry and his wife, June, along with representatives from the North Carolina State Mission Board, came to Fayetteville to begin a ministry that resulted in the founding of Immanuel Baptist Church. On that memorable day in September 1941, a tent was erected and thirteen people and two dogs attended the very first service. On Sunday March 15, 1942 the church was organized at 219 Hull Road with approximately thirty-five charter members. Twenty-three people responded to the invitation that day. Immanuel was received into the fellowship of churches of the New South River Baptist Association, October 15, 1942. During the year 1942 Immanuel baptized thirty-eight people, another thirty- eight joined by letter. Total membership reached to seventy-one.

From this humble beginning, the church has grown in both size and purpose. The sale of the Honeycutt property in 1959 enabled the church to purchase 1.05 acres of land and a four unit apartment building. For thirty years it had been their dream to build a sanctuary on Morganton Road. On Sunday, November 16, 1958, the church voted to purchase property at 2500 Morganton Road. The old parsonage was exchanged for partial payment. Since this was paid off, two other plots have been acquired.

Mrs. Ruth Faires was called as Minister of Education in 1980.

Groundbreaking for this "Miracle on Morganton Road" took place on March 6,1988.

While it has had its ups and downs, the church continues today with its original purpose – to reach the people of Fayetteville with the saving gospel of Jesus Christ. During her fifty years Immanel has been dedicated to preaching the Word of God, discipling her members, evangelizing to the lost, and participating in world and local missions. Records show that eleven men have served the church as pastor.

In 1992 the fellowship and kitchen was remodeled and celebrated 50 year anniversary.

In 1993 dedicated new playground and burned two loan notes.

In January 1995 Immanuel purchased house and property adjoining church property at 2512 Morganton Road. Immanuel began "Team Kid" organization.

In October 1997 the Disaster Relief Team Volunteers came to help begin the reconstruction of the educational building. In April 1998 the educational building was dedicated to the Glory of God.

Rev. T. J. Fulk was elected Pastor Emeritus of Immanuel Baptist Church. March 7, 1999 was proclaimed T. J. Fulk Day at the church and throughout the city of Fayetteville.

The faith and vision of those early members laid the foundation for those first 50 years. That same spirit of expectation is still felt among the present congregation.

Judson Baptist Church
505 Judson Church Road
Fayetteville, NC 28301
910-483-0581

Pastor:
Dr. Mack Roberts

The first few years following the Civil War were hard for everyone in the South. War had taken many lives and the country was in ruins. The whole economic and social structure of the South had been changed, In the midst of turmoil and poverty, a small group of determined and dedicated men realized that the task of rebuilding would not be complete without a house for God and His Children. Because of this belief, on October 8, 1971, Love McDaniel, J. M. Beasley and John T. Honrhine, acting as the Presbyter, took the first step, on faith, to organize a church. The site was a plot of land donated by Love McDaniel.

Needing housing, but lacking in substantial funds, the church decided that an inexpensive structure was best. Thus came into being the log cabin that served as the first church building. For a chimney, wood was used as a framework and mud was dabbed over-all to protect the wood from the heat. This method was known as mud-stick building.

In December of 1898, R. W. Cashwell was extended a call to preach at Judson Baptist Church. The church agreed to pay him $50.00 per year.

Before the turn of the century, provisions had been made to include associational and foreign missions in the financial picture of the church giving.

Rules and regulations, were rather strict. Each male member had to meet conference once in three months or be dealt with by the church. Throughout its early history Judson records show vigilance committees visiting members for absences, drinking, dancing and various other misdeeds. There was little or no partiality shown to any member since a person could be a part of the vigilance committee at one time and the guilty party a short time later. If you were talked to three or more times, you were usually excluded from the fellowship of the church. The way to be received back into the fellowship was to appear before the church and ask for forgiveness.

August 1902 a protracted meeting (a revival) began on August 17 and lasted through August 26. Meetings were held twice a day, in the morning and in the evening. Spirit was high and the community responded with nineteen new members who joined from experience and three who were restored into the fellowship.

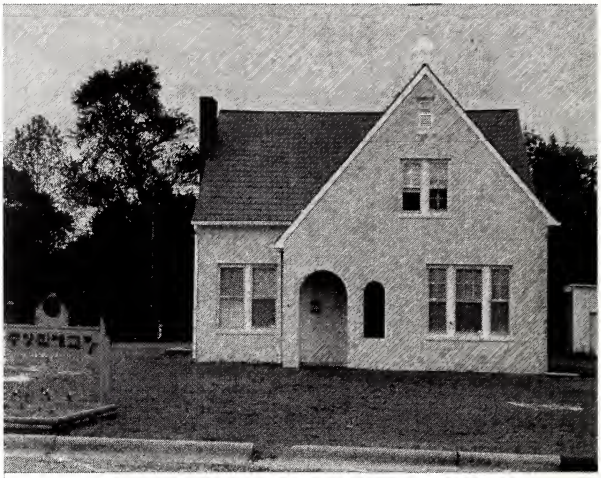
In 1917 the pastors salary was $150.00 per year, this was an increase of $50.00 from the previous year. The usual amount of offerings were around .25 cents.

October 22, 1978 – New educational plant dedicated. In 1990 new pastorium purchased. More changes: The purchase of another pastorium, the addition of a balcony in the sanctuary, the addition of a new steeple, extensive landscaping, and paving of the church parking lot.

Dr. Mack Roberts is the thirty-fourth pastor of Judson Baptist Church.

Korean Central Baptist Church
103 North Main Street
Spring Lake, NC 28390
910-497-6355

Pastor:
Dr. Yong Jee



In 1994 Pastor Tae In Bak and his wife began holding church services in their home in Spring Lake, North Carolina. The charter members of Korean Central Baptist Church were all family members. They soon had too many members to meet in the Bak's home. They soon moved to Spring Lake Baptist Center on Main Street . Later the congregation moved to the New Melody Sewing Company's factory.

In 1995 Korean Central Baptist Church submitted for membership with the New South River Baptist Association. They purchased a new building on 103 North Main Street in Spring Lake and began renovations. Temple Baptist Church became their Sister Church and through their combined efforts Korean Central Baptist Church began to grow and mature.

LaFayette Baptist Church
501 Hope Mills Road
Fayetteville, NC 28304
910-425-1306

Pastor:
Rev. Brian Lee

A group of Christians in the vicinity of LaFayette Village saw a need to begin a Baptist Church. Part of this group were from Mount Gilead Baptist Church. The group began meeting on Monday nights in November 1954 for prayer and discussion. They prayed that God would guide them according to His Will about beginning a church.

A promotional Committee was elected, a lot purchased on Hope Mills Road, literature was ordered and officers were nominated. Sgt. Kornegy offered the group a vacant store in LaFayette Village. The first service was held on Wednesday February 2, 1955. The first Sunday School and Worship service was held February 6, 1955. Rev. Tom Walters, Associational Missionary, met with the group that Sunday afternoon and organized the church with 27 charter members joining.

The first sancturary was built in 1956. The Home Mission Board helped financially with a loan to purchase building materials for the sanctuary. The church people labored and worked together to build the sanctuary.

An educational building was added in 1961. In 1965 a fellowship hall, kitchen and classrooms were added.

In 1971 a new sanctuary (the present one) was completed and dedicated September 5, 1971.

LaFayette Baptist Church led the Association several years in ratio of baptisms to Church membership. The first two weeks in July of 1976, 75 members were received.

In 1977 additional property was purchased including dwelling and additional educational facilities within the dwelling house.

In 1979 a Historical Room was organized and the parking lot was paved.

In 1980 the Single Again Ministry was started.

In 1983 LaFayette began the sponsorship of Lake Rim Mission. Lake Rim Baptist Mission was constituted as a church September 25, 1988.

In 1991 remodeled sanctuary and added a second floor to the educational building.

In 1993 dual Sunday School, duel worship services was begun. A flex-time Sunday School coordinator was added.

Current resident membership is 946 and 753 non-resident members with a total of 1703 members.

LaFayette Baptist Church is seeking to become a more seeker oriented congregation that uses both Traditional and Contemporary approaches to fulfill the Great Commission.

LaGrange Park Baptist Church
7502 Ascot Avenue
Fayetteville, NC 28303
910-867-1405

Pastor:
Rev. Donald Cashwell, Sr.

LaGrange Park Baptist Mission had its beginning from a Vacation Bible School sponsored by Bonnie Doone Baptist Church, the pastor was Rev. Charles Stevens. This Bible School was held in the Heavener Acres Housing Area. Mr. Charles Duncan was appointed by Bonnie Doone Baptist Church as Sunday School Superintendent. Mr. Duncan was to begin a Sunday School and conduct the worship service on Sunday mornings. At this time services were being held in one of the converted Army barracks which made up the Heavener Acres Housing. Before the end of 1960, the membership of the mission had increased. A two-story unit in the same area was rented. In early 1961, Rev. Fred Hall was elected to come to the mission each Sunday to lead Worship Servcies. Later in 1961, Rev. Earl Gibson, an Army Sergeant stationed at Fort Bragg, was called as pastor. During the early years the mission was know by several names, the Heavener Acres Mission (1960, 1961,1962 & 1963), Reilly Road Mission (1964 & 1965) and LaGrange Park Mission in 1966.

In December 1962 land was purchased. In June 1965 Mt. Elam Baptist Church joined with Bonnie Doone in sponsoring the Mission. In the months to follow, the final payment was made on the land, preparations were made to build. On July 10, 1966 the Ground-Breaking services were held. August 6 the foundation was dug. Services were held in the new building February, 19, 1967.

The Mission continued to grow, to work and on May 28, 1972 LaGrange Park Mission was constituted into LaGrange Park Baptist Church. Sunday School classes along with Church Training classes grew.

With church growth came the need for more room. July 13, 1975 the church held Ground-Breaking for an Educational Building. The men of the church built this building. At completion the building was debt free.

In July 1980 a house was bought on a lot that joined the church property. In March 1981 the parking lot was paved, a church bus was purchased and the house was paid for.

In 1985 a new sanctuary was constructed. Dedication services were held in 1986.

In 1990 English as a Second Language classes were taught for Internationals.

In 1993 a Deaf Ministry was started. The church debt was paid off in 1993.

1996 the educational wing and fellowship hall was renovated. The parking lot was extended this year also.

LaGrange has Sunday School, Discipleship Training, WMU, Brotherhood, Music, RA's, GA's, Mission Friends, Youth Children's programs, FAITH Evangelism and AWANA.

LaGrange has a vision to reach the greater Fayetteville metropolitan area and military community for Christ and equipping them to serve the Lord in the church and the world.

Lake Lynn Baptist Church
3363 Gillespie Street
Fayetteville, NC 28306
910-425-1464

Pastor:
Dr. Ronald Loftis

In 1952, Lake Lynn Baptist Church started in a small store building located on US 301 about six miles South of Fayetteville, near the old Fayetteville Race Track.

In 1958 the church moved to a cinder block building on the corner of US 301 and Seven Mountain Drive.

In 1965 a new building was constructed on the north side of Seven Mountain Drive facing US 301.

In 1973 a fellowship building that included a kitchen, pastor's study and four classrooms was built. The women's group led the church to participating in Associational Mission projects.

The men volunteered to assist with the construction of a Hispanic Church in Robeson County.

In 1985 the church started a food bank.

A drive through cover for handicapped was built in 1987 and a new steeple was put on the church.

In 1995 the church was incorporated as a non-profit corporation.

Additional bathroom facilities were added to provide more adequate provision for Children's care as well as a convenience for the adults. A new organ and piano were purchased an a new sound system was installed in 1977.

In 2000 the church purchased 3.5 acres of land for future use.

The church has ordained five men to the Gospel Ministry and has had one pastor to resign to enter Home Missions work. Also, the son of one of the ministers is now an ordained minister. Lake Lynn is a church that is interested in missions, giving approximately 25% of its income to missions each year. The major emphasis of the church is Worship, believing that all missions and ministries grow out of a genuine worship of God.

Lake Rim Baptist Church
7758 Raeford Road
Fayetteville, NC 28304
910-867-5401

Pastor:
Rev. Jim Brigman

Work in the Lake Rim area was started in 1963 with the first mission Vacation Bible School. Tabernacle Baptist Church was the sponsor of what was to be the beginning of Lake Rim Baptist Mission.

After two years of successful schools, a 1965 survey conducted by Mt. Gilead Church revealed the need for Baptist work in the Lake Rim area. Under the leadership of Pastor Glenn Whitley, Mt. Gilead Church accepted the challenge to sponsor the Lake Rim Baptist Mission.

In June 1966, Bible School was held in a house rented by Mt. Gilead on Rim Road. On July 17,1966 the first Sunday School was held. August 28, 1966 the Mission had its first worship service. The first service was conducted by Rev. Rudolph Massey.

Services on a full-time basis began October 2, 1966, with Rev. Rupert Rivenbark, a student at Pembroke College, as the first Mission pastor.

Over the next several weeks, growth made the need for more space very obvious. Associational Moderator, Rev. G. N. Ashley presented the Missions's needs to Roseboro First Baptist Church, Elizabeth Baptist Church and Long Branch Baptist Church. These churches were joinded by Pleasant Grove Baptist Church and Macedonia Baptist Church in supplying the Lake Rim Mission with a 10'x54' mobile unit to be used for educational space.

In August 1968 and adjoining house

In August 1968 an adjoining house became available for use as a temporary sanctuary making the original house available for more classroom space. In September 1968 a donation of $1,000.00 was donated to the New South River Baptist Association started the effort to purchase land for the Mission. A plot of slightly more than four acres was purchased by the Association and the State Convention in June 1970. The congregation moved into the new building on the site December 20,1970.

LaFayette Baptist Church assumed the Mission sponsorship in March 1983. Ground-breaking ceremonies were held in October 1984 for the first permanent building. After many months and nights and Saturdays, the talents of Lake Rim and LaFayette were combined to produce a lovely building . The building was used for services the first time on November 30, 1986.

In 1999 Lake Rim Baptist Church sent out the first missionary to Belize.

In 2000 ground-breaking & construction of ten new Sunday School classrooms and a second trip for the missionary to Belize.

Lebanon Baptist Church
3329 Beard Road
Fayetteville, NC 28301
910-483-1988

Pastor:
Rev. Todd Brady

The church was organized in 1850 and the place of worship was located between the Atlantic Coastline Railroad and the Cape Fear River, about seven miles from Fayetteville.

In the course of a few years, the location was changed and a building was erected on the Sands Hills near the Old Plank Road, (at present 301 on Dunn Highway about eight miles from Fayfetteville). Since the building was located in a long leaf pine grove, the name Piney Grove was chosen. The church was nearly damaged by a forest fire during the pastorate of Rev. J. M. Beasley. A new building was built that was located about one-half mile from the old site on the Underwood Road, between the Dunn Highway and the Beard Post Office in Cumberland County. The building was completed and dedicated in the year 1880. The name being changed from Piney Grove to Lebanon.

Much repairing had been done and six Sunday School rooms added to the building. The church made plans to remodel the old building. The fifth Sunday of July 1945, a Financial Campaign was launched for the purpose of raising the funds. In October 1945 it was decided to abandon the remodeling plans and build a new House of Worship.

The ground breaking took place in November of the same year, and on Easter Sunday 1947 it was used for Worship.

In July 1949 Rev. Walton B. Guthrie entered upon his duties as pastor. Rev. Walton B. Guthrie resigned his position of Field Secretary of the New South River Baptist Association in order to accept the call to the pastorate of Lebanon Baptist Church.

Under the leadership and with the efforts of the Pew Committee, the pews and pulpit furniture were installed and paid for during the latter part of the Summer and early Fall of 1949. The carpet was installed in March 0f 1950.

Other new additions include, in 1958 a new educational building. In 1961 a new pastorium was built. In 1964 a new fellowship building was built.

Construction was started in October 1975 on a new sanctuary which was dedicated October 24, 1976.

In February 1981 the Media Center was opened. In May 1994 , renovation to change the old sanctuary into new Sunday School rooms was completed.

The church continues to grow and is currently under the leadership of Rev. Todd Brady who began his pastorate on Father's Day 2000.

Linden First Baptist Church
P O Box 248
Linden, NC 28356
910-980-0763

Pastor:
Rev. Dean Gaster

Beginning with Bible Study in several homes, the numbers begin to grow and grow. Linden First Baptist Church began meeting in a rented building between Linden Oil Service and Davis Corner Grocery in Linden. God blessed them with a new church building on Hwy. 217 in Linden. On May 19, 1985 Linden First Baptist Church was the first Baptist Church to be established in Linden, North Carolina.

In 1990 land was purchased and dedicated. Rev. Don Pierson left to become a Foreign Missionary. Began construction on new church in July 1992.

In 1993 a newly built church was in use. The dedication service for this church was August 29, 1993. Since the construction of the new building there has been numerous changes. In August 1997 the First Baptist Child Development Center was opened. A Summer Day Camp was also opened.

Linden First Baptist Church has an Intercessory Prayer Chain and on going mission projects during the holidays for the community.

Long Branch Baptist Church
2868 Minnie Hall Road
Autryville, NC 28318
910-531-3765

Pastor:
Rev. Richard Spell

Captain James L. Autry helped to establish Long Branch Baptist Church in 1875. Long Branch Baptist Church was organized September 11, 1875. There were 32 charter members 29 brought letters from Concord Baptist Church, 1 letter was brought later and 2 were baptized. Concord Baptist Church is the Mother Church of Long Branch Baptist Church. At this time there was no church in this area. The church met under an oak tree and in private homes until the church building could be built in 1880. Rev. H. S. Spivey was pastor at this time.

The Women's Missionary Society was organized in 1938.

In 1948 classrooms were added, the membes of the church donated labor and materials. In 1954 Church Training programs were organized. In 1957 the Acteens were organized.

First Bible School was held in 1960 at Long Branch Baptist Church.

In 1966 a fellowship hall, kitchen and classrooms were added to the back of the church.

September 19, 1969 Mr. Kirby Hall was honored for over 53 years of active service.

In 1970 Girls in Action was organized. The sanctuary was renovated. This was made possible by memorial gifts and special gifts.

May 4, 1975 Rev. G. N. Ashley was honored with a surprise birthday lunch, Rev. Ashley was pastor of Long Branch since 1944.

In 1983 was the year for the building and dedication of a new fellowship hall.

April 29, 1985 Richard V. Spell was ordained into the ministry.

In 1990 renovation of the fellowship hall. In 1991 started missions programs. A recreational area provided and the grounds were landscaped. In 1994 the parking lot was paved. The new church steeple was added in 1995. In 1996 Long Branch Baptist Church called a part-time Youth Minister. Interior renovations completed to church office and classrooms. Computer system was installed.

In 1997 had dedication service for a Baldwin piano in memory of Keith Hall given by Roy and Betty Hall and Family. Established a Henry T. Hall Educational Scholarship Fund.

Macedonia Baptist Church
5064 Macedonia Church Road
Fayetteville, NC 28301
910-493-5330

Pastor:
Dr. Robert Phipps

Macedonia Baptist Church was organized by a presbytery composed fo the Rev. Ruben Fisher, the Rev. William Hall, and the Rev. W. S. Melvin. The church was chartered by the following members: Rev. Ruben Fisher, Thomas Starling, Isaac Melvin, Daniel Fisher, Marshall Sessoms, Charlotte Sessoms, Nancy Averitte, Mary S. Hall, Oliver Hales, Sarah Hales, Charlotte Carter, B. S. Horne and Mrs. B. S. Horne.

The first congregation is said to have met temporarily in the Carter Schoolhouse which was located several hundred yards north of the present church. Sometime later a simple meeting house was erected. This building sufficed until about 1890 when a second church building was undertaken. This bulding served the congregation for 90 years.

Following the consolidation of the Macedonia School with Sunnyside School, the church purchased the Macedonia Schoolhouse from the county. In 1926 a building program was undertaken which enabled the Sunday School to meet the requirements as set by the State Baptist Convention for a standard Sunday School. Thus Macedonia became the first standard Sunday School in the New South River Baptist Association.

In 1954 three additional classrooms were added to meet growing attendance and in 1957 a fellowship hall was built on the grounds. A parsonage was completed in 1960 with Rev. & Mrs. T. K. Woody and family as the first occupants.

On October 13, 1968, groundbreaking services were held for a new educational building which was built under the leadership of Rev. Benjamin S. Gault. It was dedicated May 11, 1969, with a total of 7,314 square feet providing nineteen classrooms, a church office, pastors' study, three assembly rooms, a library and a choir room.

At the annual homecoming in 1979 a ground breaking ceremony was held for a new sanctuary which was dedicated May 25, 1980.

Due to limited space of church property, Ella Downing deeded the church some adjoining land for the relocation of the old sanctuary in 1979. The old sanctuary is 103 years old and has been completely restored.

Macedonia Baptist Church continues to reach our community for the Lord Jesus Christ. We do it with this motto: Christ our Message—Souls our Mission.

Magnolia Baptist Church
1021 Magnolia Church Road
Stedman, NC 28391
910-483-4774

Pastor:
Rev. Adam Hatley

The beginning of Magnolia Baptist Church appears to date from the year 1855. On the 13th day of November of that year Randall McDaniel executed a deed for two acres of land to William Bryant, Hardie Jones and Owen Jones, trustees for the Baptist Meeting House on Buck Creek.

There have been two church buildings on that lot. The old building was locatd practically in front of the present church building. The building was a frame structure and the house was simply weatherboarded, but not ceiled or plastered.

The first records we have been able to show that the church was functioning as an organization in 1858 and we have always understood that this was the year in which the formal organization of the Church took place. Delegates were sent to the Cedar Creek Assocaition with membership of the church give as 56 in the report. Sunday School was first mentioned in 1865.

Prior to and during the Civil War there appeared to be a few slaves listed as members of the church. After the war, they began to establish churches of their own.

In 1883, a new building for the church began and the trustees offered the old building for sale. Rev. E. J. Edwards, who was a Confederate soldier, was the pastor of Magnolia Baptist Church.

During the years when there was no way of heating the building, it was the custom for the School to go into "Winter Quarters" the first of November and to re-open about the first of April. Sometime between 1930 and 1942 a front porch and entrance to the church was added.

In 1933 an additional one-half lot was laid off on the North side of the church for a cemetery. In 1947 construction of four additional Sunday School rooms were added to the existing church building. The present fellowship hall was constructed in 1963 allowing more space for our growing church family. In 1969 groundbreaking for a new sanctuary and it was completed in 1970. Remodeling of the kitchen area and upstairs was completed in 1973.

In 1992 voted to build a new fellowship hall and additional six Sunday School classrooms.

In 1994 obtained blueprints and building permits for new educational building. The new building was built and dedicated July 9, 1995.

Mary's Chapel Baptist Church
2230 Keener Road
Clinton, NC 28328
910-564-6014

Pastor:
Rev. David Willis

In the Spring of 1889, under a shelter made of brush, near Hobbs Mill, the church was started. G. W. Hobbs and Mary Hobbs felt there was a need in the community for a Baptist Church. They gave the land to build the church. It was named Mary's Chapel after Mrs. Mary Hobbs. It was chartered in the Fall of 1889 and joined the Eastern Association on August 18, 1889. The first pastor was Rev. J. W. Bell. Rev. Bell was pastor from 1889 to 1898.

In 1901 the church changed to the South River Baptist Association.

In 1904 the South River Baptist Association minute books list M. J. Bradshaw as a Delegate to the Association. R. Honeycutt is listed as pastor in 1904. Listed members are 4 males and 20 females. In 1907 R. Honeycutt was listed as pastor and J. E. Bass as clerk.

In 1909 listed as Delegates are G. M . Bass and M. J. Bradshaw. In the membership tables show that 8 were received by Baptism, 5 by letter, 2 restored, and 1 excluded which brings the total to 10 males and 20 females. Mr. J. E. Bass was listed as Sunday School Superintendent. Mr. T. J. Hood was listed as pastor and J. E. Bass as clerk.

In 1910 R. W. Bass and G. M. Bass were listed as Delegates to the South River Baptist Association. With 50 enrolled in Sunday School. T. J. Hood was listed as pastor.

In 1911 W. J. Johnson, W. J. Bradshaw and J. R. Gainey was listed as Delegates to the South River Baptist Association. J. B. Newton of Salemburg is listed as pastor and J. E. Bass as clerk. Listed on the membership table are 1 died, 5 received by letter, with a total membership of 13 males and 22 females. Mrs. J. A. Forte as president of the WMS.

In 1916 in the South River Baptist Association minute books Marys Chapel Baptist Church lists Miss Martha Darden of Keener as President of the WMS.

In 1955 a revival stirred up many people, many were saved and united with the church. The largest number to be added to the church at one time by baptismal was 29. The first wedding was performed in 1956, Julia Ellen Harris and Bobby Raynor were married following the worship service on November 25, 1956.

In 1960 the church was completely remodeled and bath rooms were added. In 1970 the church was renovated again. August 3, 1972 the fellowship hall was completed and placed a baptistry in the church.

In 1980 celebrated church's 90th anniversary on August 24 with dinner at church. A new steeple was placed on the church in 1981. July 17,1983 dedicated a new double-wide mobile for parsonage.

In 2000 dedicated new Sunday School wing.

Massey Hill Baptist Church
1027 Southern Avenue
Fayetteville, NC 28301
910-323-0808

Pastor:
Rev. David Weeks

Massey Hill Baptist Church
"A Beacon on the Hill"

Massey Hill Baptist Church was started as a mission of the First Baptist Church of Fayetteville in 1896. It was organized as a church on July 8, 1900, and joined the South River Baptist Association on October 24, 1900. It is the oldest church in the Massey Hill community.

Pastor R. W. Horrell served as the first pastor from 1900 – 1903. There were 26 pastors who served the church until 1997.

The first sanctuary was a wooden building. The Massey family, for whom the community is named and who gave the land for the church, is buried on the grounds. Over the years many additions were made to the originial building and it served unitl 1964 when it was torn down. Ground breaking for the Educational Building was held in 1956 and the building was completed in February 1960.

Massey Hill Baptist Church has stood tall on Massey Hill for 100 years. It has been a continous influence in the community. Two missions have come out of Massey Hill Baptist Church, Victor Mission, later known as Carroll Memorial Baptist Church, and Lake View Mission on Cools Spring Street. Today the Massey Hill Baptist Gym-Activity Building is used by many churches and businesses in the community. It is used weekly for the church's Team Kids Ministry which is a very successful community outreach for kids. Weekly activities include Sunday School, Worship Service, Bible Study, Discipleship Training, Missions for all ages, Music Programs, Children's Church, Wednesday Night Weekly Fellowship meals for those attending Wednesday night Bible Study and Mission Study. Other special activities are planned throughout the year.

Only a small part of the church's great history has been presented, for only God Himself can fully know all that is important and what has transpired throughout the life of the church. Massey Hill Baptist Church, A Beacon on the Hill, continues to be committed to spreading the Gospel to all who need to accept the invitation to become a member of God's family.

Mill Creek Baptist Church
701 Mill Creek Church Road
Roseboro, NC 28382

Pastor:
Rev. Dennis Guy

Long ago, some time prior to 1881, a litlte band of christians began worship services in the home of Giles Sessoms. As time went by, the congregation grew so large that they began to meet under a brush arbor. The leader of this group of christians was Levie Bryant.

Now this little band of worshipers needed somewhere out of the weather to worship. Giles Sessoms gave a lot for the church. In 1881, with their shoulders to the wheel and the help of God Mill Creek Baptist Church was organized.

Some of the earliest pastors were: Levie Bryant, William Johnson, Claude Peterson, Lloyd Johnson and Add Bain. Some of the later ones were: Thurman Spell, Hardie Lanier, Russell Goodman, R. W. Anderson, Orvis Miller and Baxter Walker.

In the year of 1949 Rev. Dennis T. Wright was pastor of Mill Creek Baptist Church. April 7, 1949 the church was burned. The church services were held in the Roseboro Fellowship Tabernacle in Roseboro until the new church building could be built.

In the later years Mill Creek Baptist Church had as its pastors: Earl Hales, Dewey Page, Wade Bunce, R D. Byrd, Clifton Canipe, Charles Throne, Jack Lewis and again Rev. Dennis T. Wright. Rev. Wright, a much older man now, just as dedicated as he was when he helped to build the church when it was destroyed by fire in 1949.

In 1970 indoor water and bathrooms were added to the church. In 1973 the central heating and air conditioning was installed in the church. Stained glass windows were added to the church in 1961 and the church was remodeled in 1979. Included in this remodeling was a foyer, nursery and a choir loft.

Mr. Steve Tanner and Mr. Franklin Peters were ordained as Deacons in 2000.

Mingo Baptist Church
1465 Mingo Church Road
Dunn, NC 28334
910-567-2929

Pastor:
Rev. Louis Strickland

The Mingo Baptist Church was organized on May 24, 1913. This was a result of a group of people meeting on Sunday afternoons in the Mingo Academy (school house).

A Presbytery consisting of Rev. T.J. Hood, Rev. M. W. Naylor, Rev. W. M. Bland and Autry Baggett met to assist in the organization. The service was opened by Rev. Hood reading the 23rd psalm. Rev. Hood read the names of thirty seven men and women who wished to join the newly organized church. There were twenty men and seventeen women. The New Hampshire Covenant was read and adopted. J. A. Dawson, N. B. Barefoot, Autry Baggett, Henry Cannady and Marshall Hairr were elected to find a place for the new church building. The site selected was across the road from the school house where the original meetings had taken place on land donated by Henry Cannady. The first building was completed in 1914. In 1931 one and one fourth acres were bought from Allie Bland and added to the parsonage lot.

On May 9, 1926 the church adopted a plan of Deacon rotation. In 1929 the church adopted resolutions to add two or more rooms (five were constructed).

In 1945 a new building committee was appointed. In 1947 Mr. John Love Holland met with this committee to discuss the matter of renovating the old building and the advantage of a new building. In December 1947 a plan for the new church was presented by the building committee and adopted unanimously. The new church was begun March 1950. The November 1952 Thanksgiving services was held in the new church building.

In 1955 the associational meeting was held at Mingo Baptist Church. The governor, the Honorable Luther Hodges was the invited speaker.

The old church building was sold in 1957 for five hundred dollars. This money was placed in the Building Fund.

After much discussion the church voted to build a new parsonage. The parsonage was dedicated on May 3, 1959.

The church voted January 1961 to remain affiliated with the New South River Baptist Association rather than transfer its membership to the Eastern Association.

In 1982 a new fellowship hall, Sunday School rooms and pastors study was added to the rear of the church.

In 1993 new hymnals purchased, new choir robes purchased and the Spanish Mission was started. The 80th anniversary was celebrated at Mingo Baptist Church.

October 1999 held dedication of new Educational Resource Center.

Mintz Baptist Church
11301 Boykin Bridge Road
Roseboro, NC 28382
910-564-6500

Pastor:
Dr. John McBride

The early records of Mintz Baptist Church are very incomplete, leaving out much important information and containing no dates as to when building were done and how materials were obtained and financed. Therefore, the following information came from records that are available and from people who recall how things were.

An organizing council, composed of Rev. J. B. Newton, Rev. H. J. Duncan and Rev. J. E. Dupree, met Sept. 27, 1914, in the Mints Graded School building with a group of men and women who wished to organize a Missionary Baptist Church. A covenant was read by Rev. J.B. Newton and adopted by the group. Thus, the new church was formed and the name Mints Was given to it. Sometime during the succeeding years the spelling of Mints was changed to Mintz. Rev. J. B. Newton was called to be the first pastor. The records show that at this organizational meeting, delegates were appointed to attend the South River Baptist Associational meeting.

For two or three years the church group met in the Mints Graded School building. The first building, now the church sanctuary, to be placed on the present church site was constructed in 1916, 1917 or 1918. It was built of lumber that was donated by the members and the building was done by the members. However, two classrooms were built on the south side of the building in 1948. Two classrooms were completed on the north sided in 1951. In 1956 improvements were Made in the sanctuary and a front structure consisting of a porch, vestibule, two small rooms and a steeple was built. In 1969 a new educational plant was added. This plant consists of bathrooms, fellowship hall, kitchen and four additional classrooms. New furniture for the sanctuary was purchased in 1957 and stained-glass windows were installed in the sanctuary in 1961.

Among those who have served as pastors are: Rev. Joel Johnson, Rev. Dennis Wright, Rev. Bill Williams, Rev. E. J. Barbour, Jr., Rev. C. B. Horne and Rev. Earl Hales.

A worthy note that Dr. Charles Howard of Campbell College preached his first sermon at Mintz Church. Dr. Chevis F. Horne who was a Chaplain in World War II grew up in Mintz Baptist Church.

In 1981, Rev. Paula Clayton was called as pastor, Rev. Clayton was first woman to pastor a Baptist church in N.C.. In 1982 ordained four deacons, first ordaination in over 20 years, held first revival in over 6 years. Rev. Chevis Horne was Harvest Day/Homecoming guest speaker. In 1983 received the Governor's Award for volunteer work with the "meals on wheels" program in Roseboro.

In 1998 Mintz Baptist Church began construction on new Life Center.

Mount Calvary Baptist Church
3529 Dundle Road
Fayetteville, N C 8306
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Pastor:
Rev. Dwight Jackson

In 1966, a few families started in Mrs. Maggie Quick's home. They started as Mt. Calvary Free Will Mission which later changed to Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. They joined New South River Baptist Association around 1974 or 1975. The new sanctuary was built in 1976–1977. Mt. Calvary has a wonderful AWANA Program, Brotherhood, and Ladies organizations.

Mt. Calvary has grown from 20 original members to an average of 100.

An acre of land was given to the church in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Quick. On this acre of land they hope to build a new recreation and fellowship hall.

In 1977 a new building was started. In 1978 a new sancutary was started. Work is continuing on the new sancturary. In 1980 completion of new kitchen and new classrooms and bathrooms.

In 1997 the AWANA Program was started.

God has blessed the people at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church and they know He will continue to bless them. They give Him all the glory, honor and praise for all that has been accompolished at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church.

Mount Elam Baptist Church
Mount Elam Church Road
Roseboro, NC 28382
910-567-6582

Pastor:
Rev. Dennis Long

On October 6, 1870, a group of Baptists, twenty-eight in number, met at the Straw Pond Schoolhouse under the leadership of Rev. Reuben Fisher and Rev. W. C. West, and organized Mount Elam Baptist Church. The Charter members drew up a church covenant as well as rules of procedure for the church. Rev. Rueben Fisher was called as the first pastor. Mr. Burrell Warren donated the land for the first church building. The first building was a log building and was used until 1890, when the members decided to build a frame building on the same site. This building was constructed of timber donated by members of the church, this building was used until 1918. In 1920 and 1921 a frame building 40' x 60' was built on the south side of the church grounds.

Before 1927, Sunday School was held only during the warm months, but in 1927 during the ministry of Joel S. Johnson, the church decided to have a year round Sunday School. The WMS was organized in 1931.

In 1946 the parsonage was built and the church revised the constitution.

On August 3, 1947, Rev. Waldo Early, Associational Missionary of New South River Baptist Association in 1946, was called as pastor for the second time. During his ministry Sunday School rooms were added, a heating plant installed and a budget was adopted for the first time. Bible School was begun during this time and continues each year.

On February 8, 1958 the building that had served for many years was destroyed by fire. During the rebuilding time Sunday School and services were held at Mingo High School. In November
1958 the new building was finished. Homecoming was held November 16, 1958 and the new building was dedicated at this service.

February 28, 1965 Mount Elam voted to co-sponsor along with Bonnie Doone Baptist Church of Fayetteville the Riley Road Mission, the name was later changed to LaGrange Park Baptist Church.

July 10, 1983, six members drove to West Virginia to spend a week helping to build the Mineral Wells Baptist Church.

In 1986 had Good News America Revival and Freddie Gage Crusade.

English speaking classes for migrant workers were held at the church.

In 1993 ordination of first female deacon, Jackie McLamb. Celebration honoring Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Calcutt for 30 years of dedicated service to Mt. Elam was held in August of 1993.

Mount Gilead Baptist Church
P O Box 40435
Fayetteville, NC 28309
910-864-5888

Pastor:
Rev. Richard Brown

Mt. Gilead Baptist Church is located six miles from downtown Fayetteville, N.C. on Cliffdale Road, formerly known as Chicken Road. The church was organized in 1885 by a group of Pioneer Baptists, several of them having come from the town of Mt. Gilead, in Montgomery County. The name Mt. Gilead was chose by several of the people because of their love for their former church and town.

The land upon which the first church building was erected by given by Mr. J. M. Burton. The church meetings were held in the home of Mrs. J. M. Burton until the new building was built.

Rocky Mount Church located in Fort Bragg, dissolved and many of its members came to Mt. Gilead Baptist Church. Members helped halul logs to the saw mill and then the lumber back to the church site. The new building was a one room building like all churches were in that day.

In 1905 the church records were destroyed by fire in the home of J. R. Luther, who was the church clerk. In 1906 Rev. M. A. Stevens was called as pastor at an annual salary of $175.00 per year.

The Lake Rim Mission, sponsored by the Mount Gilead Baptist Church and the New South River Baptist Association, purchased three acres of land on the Raeford Road for the future home of the Lake Rim Baptist Church. Mount Gilead Bapitst Church has produced eight Baptist Ministers. Among the churches that Mt. Gilead helped to organize are Grace Baptist Church, La-Fayette Baptist Church and Stoney Point Baptist Church all in the Fayetteville area of Cumberland County.

In 1980 held a note burning service on March 23. Paid off bonds on new sanctuary. Rev. Glenn Whitley, former pastor, brought morning message. Cleared ground for ball park; built side walks and padded church pews.

In 1981, installed wheel chair ramp and hand rails to Educational and Fellowship building. In 1985 celebrated centennial– 100th year– 1885 –1985. In 1986 dedicated new kitchen and Maude Harris Fellowship Hall.

A new piano was put in sanctuary in memory of Lucille Robinson.

In 1993 the Maude Harris Fellowship hall was remodeled. October 2, 1994 observed the 109th Anniversary of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church.

Today Mount Gilead Baptist Church stands proudly as a lighthouse on Cliffdale Road pointing the community to the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Their motto is : "The end of your search for a family church" is Mount Gilead Baptist Church.

Mount Pisgah Baptist Church
3350 Butler Nursery Road
Fayetteville, NC 28306
910-485-5681

Pastor:
Rev. Ray Ammons

Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church was founded in 1874. The name of the church was taken from Deuteronomy 3:27.

On the first Saturday in May since 1989 the members of Mt. Pisgah come together for the annual Spring Festival barbecue dinner and craft sale. The Brotherhood prepares the barbecue and the crafts are made by the church members. All proceeds go to two scholarships established at Campbell University in memory of two church members: The Rufus Warren Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund and the Howard Williams Memorial Schorlarship Fund.

In 1978 the new Educational Building was dedicated. In 1980 The Chrisian Awareness Group was organized. In 1983 purchased 1.5 acres additional land adjacent to the church parsonage. Built an outdoor recreation area. "Joys of a Sacrificial Christmas" Emphasis.

May of 1990 held annual Spring Festival with proceeds going to the scholarship funds. A new steeple was added to the church and new carpet was installed in the church.

The Youth raised money to help send Sharlene Thomas to Ireland as a missionary in 1992.

New Fellowship hall and renovated Sunday School classrooms were completed and dedication service was held April 12, 1997. The Annual Spring Festival was held in May and proceeds were given toward scholarship funds. The church has raised over $10,000.00 per year for several years toward this worthy cause.

In October 1999, twenty-nine helped with the clean up of six homes in Greenville, NC. The homes were damaged by flood waters from Hurricane Floyd.

In 2000 the 125th anniversary celebration was held in March.

Six church members traveled to Nicaragua in conjunction with Samaritan's Purse in January 2001 on a mission trip to help build a school. They also had the opportunity to distribute Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes to the children in the area.

The youth have participated in Operation Inasmuch, True Love Waits rally, Hurricane Floyd clean up, Cumberland Interfaith Homeless Ministry, Centrifuge, World Changers and roadside cleanup.

New Beginning Missionary Baptist
510 North Main Street
Spring Lake, NC 28390
910-496-9141

Pastor:
Rev. James Gregg, Jr.

Under the direction of the Holy Spirit by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Rev. James Gregg, Jr. was led to start a new work. He decided to start having Bible Study at his home. One of the members-to-be asked if the storage shed they had would be okay to use as our place of worship. Rev. James Gregg, Jr. came and saw it and the storage shed became the first place of worship with ten members.

We had Bible Study on April 5, 2000 with 26 people attending and after the Bible Study discussed the future of the church we wanted to start.

April 9, 2000, had the first Sunday School with thirteen people present. The first morning worship service was held after the Sunday School service. Twenty-two people, who had attended the Worship Service, joined the church when the invitation was given.

May 14, 2000 they moved to their new place of worship at 510 North Main Street. After waiting for the city to clear the permit, they officially moved in May 21, 2000.

A request was made to be a part of the New South River Baptist Association and were accepted under Watch Care on June 4, 2001.

New Hope Baptist Church
3675 Rosehill Road
Fayetteville, NC 28311
910-822-2627

Pastor:

June 1, 1976, fifty-eight people came together and formed the New Hope Baptist Mission and called Rev. W. Harold Bridges as the pastor. First worship service was held in a conferenvce room of the St. James Inn on June 6, 1976. Two weeks later the Westarea Community Building was secured for the purpose of worshiping and was used until June 4, 1978.

July 4, 1976 New Hope was constituted into New Hope Baptist Church with 159 charter members.

October 1976 was aligned with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention and came under the watch care of the New South River Baptist Association and were received into full membership one year later.

June 4, 1978 the first service was held in the new facility at 3675 Rosehill Road.

October 21, 1979 Perre W. Delaby, a faithful Sunday School Teacher for twenty-two years was ordained to preach and became pastor at Godwin.

May 16, 1982 the Education Wing was completed and the Sunday School was moved to this section. Made a land purchase and paved the parking lot. This made that the church had 10 plus acres of land for the church complex.

May 1984, the second mortgage was retired on the Educational Building and the note burning service was held May 6, 1984.

In 1985 the first phase of the Athletic and Recreational Complex was completed. This complex consists of a fenced and lighted Softball Field. Most of the work and funds were contributed by members and friends.

December 19-20, 1988 the Youth presented a Live Nativity Scene on the church grounds.

June 11, 1989 Ribbon Cutting Service for Courtyard Fountain Operation start-up dedicated to Christ and New Hope members was held. The New Hope Memorial Courtyard – To Honor Christ, in memory of New Hope members who have joined Him.

In 1992-1993 New Hope Academy organized.

June 5, 1994 Dedication Service for New Hope Courtyard was observed.

December 31, 1995 had a note burning service for the note on the Sanctuary.

New Testament Baptist Church
2905 Ramsey Street
Fayetteville, NC 28301
910-822-6689

Pastor:
Rev. Tom Counts

On January 26, 1986, a group of sixty christians, met at the St. James Inn, Rowan Street, Fayetteville, N.C. calling themselves the Agape Fellowship. They requested that the Rev. W. Harold Bridges meet with them at the worship hour, 11:00 A. M.

The fellowhip met again at the same location, 10:30 A.M. the following Sunday. Rev. Otto A. Mazzoni, a member of the felllowship preached this sermon.

The Agape Fellowship continued to meet for worship each Sunday beginning February 2 at Carolina Crafts in Hillendale Plaza. Rick and Kathy Lawson members of the fellowship also owned Carolina Crafts.

February 16, 1986 members unanimously agreed to become a church. W. Harold Bridges accepted the pastorate with Otto A. Mazzoni as Associate Pastor. Seventy-four people came by letter from New Hope Baptist Church and four came by statement of Faith.

By unanimous vote, February 20, 1986, the Agape Fellowship became known as The New Testament Baptist Church.

Louis and Barbara Bennett, owners of Highland Funeral Service, 610 Ramsey Street, invited members to meet, free of charge, for worship in their parlor. Services began March 2, 1986 with the Rev. Mazzoni preaching the sermon.

The following Sunday voted to become a part of the Southern Baptist Convention.

On Sunday June 8, 1986 trustees were appointed and elected. They began their duties regarding land on Ramsey Street. A loan was obtained from United Carolina Bank July 17, 1986. The loan was closed out on August 11 and the men of the church began clearing the land for building at 2905 Ramsey Street. April 8, 1987 the land was cleared and ready for building to begin.

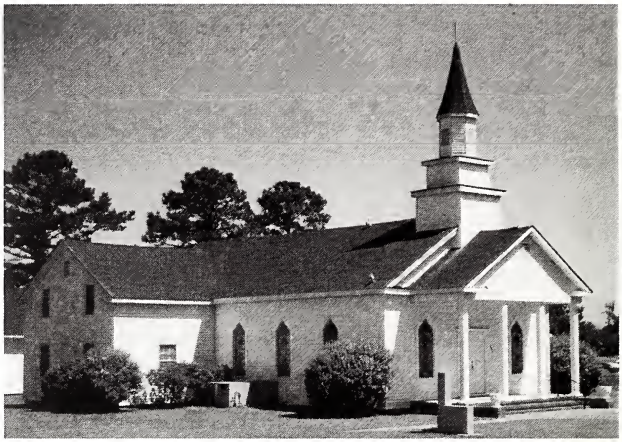
On Palm Sunday April 12, after the worship service members journeyed to the building site for the note burning of the land. A building permit was received September 1987 and work began. The Sanctuary walls were raised in January 1988. On Easter Sunday morning April 3, 1988 was the first worship service. There was still a lot of work to be done.

Mother's Day, May 8, 1988, the New Testament Baptist Church met for worship in a beautifully furnished sanctuary. Improvements have been made every year.

Rev. W. Harold Bridges retired October 2000. Rev. Tom Counts, who was the Associate Pastor at that time, became the pastor of the New Testament Baptist Church.

Parkersburg Baptist Church
3060 Greens Bridge Road
Garland, NC 28441
910-529-4251

Pastor:
Rev. Ronnie Grizzle



Organized in 1910 a church fellowship was meeting at a place called Mt. Pleasant, located about four miles from Parkersburg. As most of the families began to move to the growing Parkersburg area where there was a lumber industry, and a rail road service with a depot agent, the need for a closer meeting place arose.

In 1913 one acre of land was deeded by Mrs. Julia Peterson for the erection of a church building. In 1914 lumber was purchased from J. D. Johnson and a one room structure was erectd on the present location and called Parkersburg Baptist Church.

The church got its name from the Parkers and Parkersburg Community. The first recorded called pastor was Rev. D. L. Hewette.

The early minutes have indicated there have been people in this church who have been a great asset to it. Three of the earlier ones are: W. C. Melvin, C. B. Smith and I. V. Benton, who were promoters of business and on-going growth of Sunday School and church. In later minutes Charles R. Reeves led in building programs and continuing growth.

Much building and remodeling has been undertaken since the first one room structure in 1914. Sunday School rooms were added in 1956, also new church furniture. A parsonage was built in 1962. In 1971 a Fellowship Hall was built. I 1977 the sanctuary was painted, aluminum siding was put on the church and heating and air was Installed.

In 1996 a Nursing Home Ministry was started by the Pastor.

In 1998 had debt retirement on the church.

In the year 2000 the handicap ramp was dedicated on May 21. An outside picnic area was built.

Peace Baptist Church
816 Stamper Road
Fayetteville, NC 28303
910-484-9434

Pastor:
Rev. Paul E. Bishop

Peace Baptist Church was originally organized as Eutaw Heights Baptist Church in March 1986 under the sponsorship of First Baptist Church of Fayetteville. The church conducted services at 1900 Beech Street until August 1991 when the church purchased the house and property at 816 Stamper Road. The house was modified inside to allow for adequate sanctuary space.

In 1992 two classrooms and handicap restrooms were added to the back of the house. The Church is actively involved in support of missions, FAITH Evangelism, prayer walking, special studies and community outreach.

Celebrated 7th anniversary and presented the Dobson Film Series to the community.

In 1996 observed Pastor Appreciation Day, Children's Day and had ordination service.

May 17, 1998 celebrated 10th year church anniversary. August 1998 approved new mission statement for the church.

Pastors that have lead the church since it's organization are: Rev. Ed Bullock, Dr. Norman Harris, Rev. Bob Clegg and Rev. Paul E. Bishop.

Peters Creek Baptist Church
14601 Hwy. 210 South
Roseboro, NC 28382
910-531-3621

Pastor:
Rev. Michael McGirt

Peters Creek Baptist Church began in 1887 after the great Missouri Earthquake that shook the Carolinas. The folks decided they needed to get right with the Lord and have a church closer to attend. The land was donated by Henry Melvin and the church was built. Rev. W. S. Melvin was the first pastor. The church first met twice a month in the beginning. A Constitution of just a few paragraphs lasted for many years until a new Constitution was written and approved in 1989.

In 1977 a plaque was presented to Mr. Royal Melvin in honor of his father who was the founder of Peters Creek Baptist Church. Built new steeple and front steps, and enlarged the vesitbule.

In 1980 Peters Creek purchased a parsonage for the pastor. In 1982 the mortgage was paid off for the parsonage.

In 1987 ordination of Rev. Thomas Hall.

The church celebrated its 100th anniversary in 1987 with horses, buggies, old fashioned dress, singing and dinner on the grounds. The church celebrated centennial with year long activities.

The Church Minutes from 1887 to 2001 are available and other historical items from over the years.

In 1989 total sanctuary renovation; choir and baptistry added; youth council started; youth went on a mission trip to Virginia; long range planning committee started.

In 1991 Peters Creek produced the first Easter Drama. Two members served as missionaries to Sao Paulo, Brazil. Rev. Bob Owen, pastor, received Doctorate of Divinity.

Sunday School wing was constructed. Dedication services were held in May 1995.

August 30 – September 6, 1999 Sindy Pittman, volunteer for Associational Mission Trip to Honduras.

In 2000 the church put a time capsule away to be opened in the year 2050. Sindy Pittman volunteered for her 2nd. Mission trip to Honduras.

The people at Peters Creek Baptist Church are very thankful for God's outpouring of blessings over the years. May Peters Creek always continue to be a lighthouse for God.

Piney Green Baptist Church
6040 High House Road
Roseboro, NC 28382
910-564-6743

Pastor:
Rev. Sam Gore, Int.

Piney Green Baptist Church was organized in 1847. The land on which the church now stands was given by Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Wilson on January 13, 1848. Another acre was given by Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Royal in 1929.

The members have worshiped in five different buildings. The first one was made of logs, the second a small frame building, a third building was constructed around 1890, and a fourth was erected during 1910-1911. This structure was used Harvest Day, September 27, 1953. All written church records were destroyed by fire in 1879. The history to that date was compiled by C. H. McLamb, R. C. Fann and Rev. Reddin Honeycutt in October 1930.

Stephen Senter was the organizer and first pastor. He lived near Raleigh and rode long miles on horse back to serve the members at Piney Green.

Pinney Green Baptist Church can be considered the Mother Church to Corinth Baptist Church which was organized in 1910. Three men have been called into the ministry from Piney Green. They are J. O. Tew, Haywood Lockerman and Dan Washington Tew.

Jim O. Honeycutt, the only deacon when C. H. McLamb, John Royal and Sam Porter were elected to that office, was always active as a disciplinarian calling in people for dancing, drinking, adultery, not attending church, etc. A committee was sent to see the offender and then they were brought before the church. Some were turned out, others asked for forgiveness and were allowed to be restored to the fellowship.

In January 1935 a motion was made to ask the State Legislature to pass a law prohibiting any filling station to open on Sunday within a mile of the church, this legislation was approved.

In October 1939 the BYPU was organized. On December 16, 1939 the church voted to have a Harvest Day in 1940. Since that date Harvest Day has been observed on the fourth Sunday in September.

November 24, 1948 the people voted to build a new house of worship. In February 1954 a motion was made to build a pastorium. The land was purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Joe Spell.

In 1965 an Educational Building was completed.

September 28, 1998 the church celebrated its 150th anniversary. In 1999 started a Senior Adult group. Honored Elma McLamb for serving the church as church musician since 1947.

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
3934 Sunnyside School Road
Fayetteville, NC 28301
910-483-3098

Pastor:
Rev. Ed Rogers

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, at Vander, was organized in 1905 out of Judson Baptist Church with approximately 15 charter members. On April 17, 1911, an acre plot of land was deeded to the church. The original building consisted of one room with Rev. John Prevatt as its first pastor. In 1956 part of the present educational building was completed. The present sanctuary was completed in 1962.

In 1982 Timothy Hall was ordained to the Ministry. In 1985 ground breaking for new fellowship hall and educational class rooms. In 1986 built a new fellowship hall, offices and classrooms and paid off the note.

In 1989 renovations to the nursery and the sanctuary including new chandeliers. Creation of a memorial room dedicatd to Mrs. Hattie Gettie Bulla and other charter members.

On May 1, 2001, Rev. Ed Rogers became pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. At present, the church is actively involved in a rest home ministry, Senior Adult program, Youth Program, with Donald Keith Carter as its leader. Pleasant Grove is a supporter of the Bladen Pregancy Support services of which the pastors wife, Helen Rogers, is director.

Pleasant Union Baptist Church
2300 Pleasant Union Road
Roseboro, NC 28382
910-525-4818

Pastor:
Rev. Kenneth Smith

The beginning of Pleasant Union Baptist Church, located between Autryville and Roseboro, is a mistery. Records show that the first name given to the church was "Old Swamp Church" and dates as far back as 1788.

It is recorded that Sherman's Army marching through the community in 1865 used weather boarding from the church to rebuild a bridge across Big Swamp so that the army could continue their march. A deed is recorded from Mr. Lemon Sessoms dated 1836 to the Trustees for Baptist and Methodist church combined. For years, Christians of both denominations labored together in unity using one church building. Because of the pleasant union which these two denominations experienced, the Baptists renamed their church, Pleasant Union Baptist Church. The log cabin church built in 1856 was replaced in 1865 with a lumber structure. This structure remained until February 3, 1952 when because of heater problems the church burned down. In October 1958 the present church building was dedicated.

In 1978 Pleasant Union secured services of a Minister of Music.

In 1979 purchased an activity bus, installed new lights in sanctuary and installed new organ.

In 1983 an new steeple was installed.

In 1989 five new deacons and deaconesses were ordained. Painted inside of church and had a Baby Dedication Service.

January 2000 Pleasant Union called Rev. Ken Smith as their pastor. Ken is married to April Nicole and they have one son Nathaniel who is one year old.

Since January the church has experienced a growth of 21 new members and a out pouring of the Spirit of God. The church is planning to put stained glass windows in the worship center that portrays the life of Christ. The church has focused much attention in the past year on local missions that includes involvement in the schools and community.

The history of Pleasant Union Baptist Church can be summed up in the words of Nehemiah, " So built we, for the people had a mind to work."

Providence Baptist Church
1268 Ireland Drive
Fayetteville, NC 28304
910-323-8610

Pastor:
Rev. Lawrence Tew

On September 11, 1979, a group of twenty-five people met for the establishment of a new local church. This body of believers would be known as Providence Baptist Church. The first service wad held at the Rae-of-Hope Center and pastored by Rev. Virgil Wilson. In June of 1980 Providence Baptist Church held her first baptismal service, four members were Baptized in the Rae-of-Hope swimming pool. In 1984 the first service was held at Providence Baptist Church at 1268 Ireland Drive, Fayetteville, North Carolina. What a joyous occasion. On October 5, 1986 the fellowship hall was completed and dedicated to the Lord and His work. We still thank the men of our congregation for the long, hard and faithful work. On October 1989 Providence Baptist Church changed from Independent Baptist and was accepted to the New South River Baptist Association.

Providence Baptist Church has had five pastors: Rev. Virgil Wilson, Rev. David Morris, Rev. George Buie, Rev. Dewey Jackson and Rev. Lawrence Tew.

In 1993 purchased a new lighted sign.

The purpose of Providence Baptist Church is advancing and promoting the worship of God through the reading and studying of the Holy Bible as the revealed word of God.

Roseboro First Baptist Church
P O Box 306
Roseboro, NC 28382
910-525-4107

Pastor:
Rev. Richard Varriale

The history of Roseboro First Baptist Church dates bsck to the time of the settlement of the Roseboro community in the late 1880's. As a rsult of a railroad station being set up along the Fayetteville/Wilmington railway, the town of Roseboro was established and laid out on Novermber 8, 1889. As more people began to settle in Roseboro, there arose a need for a place of worship for the predomianantly Baptist population. With the help of the South River Baptist Association the founding of Roseboro First Baptist took place on October 4, 1891, with eleven people becoming charter members.

In the course of erecting a place of worship, the structure was blown down in a high wind in February, 1892. Construction of another structure was immediately begun and was nearing completion when it too was destroyed by wind. A third house of worship was built to completion in 1894.

During the first fourteen years of existence, the Roseboro church was considered a mission under the auspices of the South River Baptist Association. In the years that followed, several associational missionaries pastored Roseboro First on a one-year appointment basis. In 1905, the Rev. John W. Cobb from Lumber Bridge was called by the congregation as the first pastor. Under the leadership of Rev. Cobb the church became self-sustaining and no longer needed the financial assistance of the Association.

In 1910, the Rev. W. J. Jones of Salemburg was called to the pastorate. Under his guidance and leadership a new brick church structure was built with a seating capacity of 200. Rev. Jones' 25 year pastorate came to an end in 1935 and the church called his son-in-law, Rev. G. N. Ashley. Rev. Ashley served Roseboro First for forty years, retiring in 1975. Other pastors who have served Roseboro First are the Rev. Michael G. Cogdill, Rev. Ross E. Moyer, Rev. Dana Slack, Rev. Greg Templin and presently, Rev. Richard Varriale.

On October 16, 1987, the seventy-five year old church structure was destroyed by fire.

June 25, 1989 groundbreaking service for new church.

A new building was constructed at a new location and was completed in 1991. First service in new church building April 14, 1991. R .A. 's, G. A. 's, Acteens organized August 1991. 100th Anniversary of church celebrated October 20, 1991. Dedication of new building October 20, 1991. After school day care September 1991, laying of cornerstone October 20, 1991.

Salemburg Baptist Church
300 North Main Street
P O Box 537
Salemburg, NC 28385

Pastor:
Rev. Jimmy Suggs, Jr.

Salemburg Baptist Church was founded and organized on June 4, 1842. It was then known as the Baptist Church of Christ at Salem. The first congregation declared itself as an independent but cooperating unit in the great body of Baptist churches that agreed voluntarily to work together to accomplish the sublime purposes contained in the Great Commission as set forth in Matthew 28:19-20. Being true to its mission the church has faithfully met for worship and served the community of Salemburg (then Old Salem) and its surrounding areas for over 159 years.

The church has undergone many changes since its early beginnnings. In 1864 the church relocated to its prsent site. In 1900 the church's name changed to Salemburg Baptist Church. As the town of Salemburg grew and the Pineland School for Girls was established Salemburg Bapitst Church was called on to expand its ministries and facilities. In 1924 the church built a new worship facility. It has since added an education wing and a family life center.

Salemburg Baptist Church called its first pastor, Elder Stephen Senter, in 1843. For 115 years the church shared its pastors with other churches or maintained an abbreviated schedule. But in 1956 the church entered a new era of its ministry and called its first full time pastor. Rev. John H. Scalf, Jr.. The church has had twenty-five pastors since its conception. Rev. Jimmie Suggs, Jr. is currently serving as pastor.

Salemburg Baptist Church has endeavored to fulfill the call of the Great Commission. It continues to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the lost, equip the saints for service locally and abroad, start new congregations where there is the need, and meet the needs of humanity in the name of Christ.

Sharon Baptist Church
Route 5, Box 308
Fayetteville, NC 28301

Pastor:
Rev. Larry Wilkes

Sharon Baptist Church is proud of its more than one hundred year history. It began its meetings in a log building on November 4, 1876, just a short distance from the present structure. The congregation consisted of eighteen men and fifteen women. The first pastors were William S. Melvin and Joab Smith, with each one serving for half of the first year. Though the original building has long been torn down (and the materials sold to help pay for the new structure) Sharon Baptist Church remains a small rural church deeply rooted in its early Christian beginnings. Music played a large role in worship in the early years and still does today. Sharon has two outstanding quartets, a praise team , adult choir, youth choir, as well as several gifted soloists in its membership. Being mission minded was also important to early church leaders and this tradition continues today with on going church projects that seek to minister to God's people. And it is not surprising that with such a long history, Sharon realizes that its children are its future, and has programs aimed specifically at the young people: A strong Vacation Bible School, a "Books of The Bible" Club that meets weekly and emphasizes scripture memorization and sermons each Sunday morning just for the children. Over the years, Sharon has been blessed with many wonderful pastors, they are: D. M. Clemmons, G. N. Ashley, Steven Hora, T.K. Woody, Reuben Gainey, Verlin Secrist, Joe Gerald, Phil Lloyd and Bob Ollenberger. Currently

Rev. Larry Wilkes is the pastor and has been with Sharon for eight years. He and his wife Darlene live in the parsonage that was constructed in 1994.

Shaw Heights Baptist Church
10000 Turnbull Road
Fayetteville, NC 28303
910-488-2035

Pastor:
Rev. Marvin Brooks

When Mr. & Mrs. G. N. Wilder moved into the Shaw Heights area in March of 1950, they began riding the bus to Spring Lake each Sunday morning to attend services at the First Baptist Church. The church was six miles away, and the nearest church to their home.

Realizing the need for a local church, Mr and Mrs. Wilder began to pray that God would lead someone to plan for and establish a Baptist Church to fulfill the spiritual needs of the local people. These prayers did not go unheard. God led the people and pastor of Getsemane Baptist Church on Highway #59 to consider the need for a church in Shaw Heights.

Three years after the Wilders moved into the community and began to pray for a church, the pastor of Gethsemane Church, Rev. E. N. Teague, responded to God's leadership and made a personal survey by car of the Shaw Heights area.

Rev. Amos Teague, brother of Rev. E.N. Teague, who was also a minister and retired, felt led at this time to help the local people begin worship services. The Wilders had three Wednesay Prayer Meetings in their home. Mrs. Jimmie Smith was asked to have two Wednesday night services in her home on Shaw Road.

The following week Rev. Amos Tague, Mr. Wilder and Jonnie Pierce were at a Brotherhood meeting at Stedman Baptist Church. Here, they made plans to build a temporary tin building on Tammy Street. L. R. Sherman asked the group to use his property to erect the building.

The "Tin Church" was used for about 18 months, then the property of the present location was purchased and the building was moved.

Rev. E. N. Teague was called as pastor. He led the congregation to purchase a barracks from Fort Bragg to be used for Sunday School purposes, but the building was so spacious they decided to use it for the sanctuary.

Rev. Wilbert Brown was called as pastor when Rev. E. N. Teague passed away in 1961. Rev. Ned Beatty came as pastor on a shared leadership basis from the New South River Baptist Association where he was serving as Missionary to the Military.

Rev. Gene Tyree came and pastored until Nov. of 1966. While Rev. Tyree was pastor the sanctuary burned, making it necessary to change the building to accommodate both Sunday School and Worship services.

In 1983 plans are completed and construction soon to begin on new church at the corner of Gregory and Chairman Streets. In 1985 began adult basic education classes. In 1987 began church training.

Snyder Memorial Baptist Church
701 Westmont Drive
Fayetteville, NC 28305
910-484-3191

Pastor:
Dr. David Crocker

Snyder Memorial Baptist Church was chartered on October 3, 1949 with 124 members, most of whom came from First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, N. C. . Mrs. Bessie Garth Snyder, wife of Dr. Joel Snyder, long time pastor of First Baptist, often told the congregation of Dr. Snyder's dream of a church on the hill and she played a major role in its inception and early success. Snyder Memorial experienced phenomenal growth in its early years under the leadership of Dr. Lloyd Barker, first pastor. By 1957 the church had 1200 members and had outgrown its first building. The church was the first in the state to go to dual Sunday Schools and worship services.

In 1957 Dr. James Cammack became pastor, a role he filled for almost 30 years, and led in the construction of 1100 seat sanctuary and expanded educational space. In 1960's the church began Village Drive Baptist Church in the Boredeaux Fire Station and Arran Lakes Baptist Church began from a neighborhood Vacation Bible School. Membership at Snyder grew to over 2000 and the church became a leading contributor to world mission causes through the Cooperative Program. In 1971 the church expanded it's Kindergarten ministry to a Child Care Center which now cares for 300 children a year in full day care, morning only and after school programs. In 1980 the church again expanded its facilities with the construction of the Family Ministries Building which provided a gym, a fellowship hall, offices and classrooms.

Dr. Cammack retired in 1987 and Dr. Dan Griffin became pastor in 1989. Under his leadership membership and mission gifts expanded and the sanctuary was remolded and a pipe organ installed.

Dr. David Crocker became pastor in 1994. He led the church through an intensive visioning process which caused the church to focus on participatory missions. Outgrowths of that were the addition of a Director of Missions and Lay Ministries to the staff, the establishment of the Carpentry Ministry, the construction of five Habitat Houses, participation in Interfaith Hospitality Network and Operation Inasmuch. Inasmuch is a twice a year workday where members go into neighborhoods to repair and reroof houses and do a variety of other hands on mission activities. The ministry has expanded into the community with 30 other churches now participating. In addition the program has become a model for similar programs throughout North Carolina and now the first International Operation Inasmuch will take place in England in the summer of 2002.

In 2000 Snyder began another expansion program which will include a new Fellowship Hall and remodeling of the most of the remaining facilities.

Southview Baptist Church
P O Box 588
Hope Mills, NC 28348
910-484-1298

Pastor:
Rev. Phil Stamm

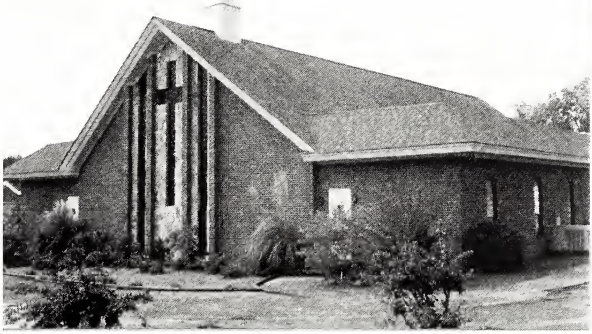
Southview Baptist Church was founded on July 2, 1988, and was based on the premise of Romans 12:5"...so we, being many, are one body in Christ....". Initially the 200 members of Southview Baptist Church met in the Hope Mills Community Center. Building began on their permanent church home at 4645 Elk Road in January of 1989. The desire of the congregation then, as now, is to point others to Jesus Christ through witnessing, preaching, teaching and ministering to people's needs. The congregation adopted the name of Southview Baptist Church (SBC) in October of 1988. SBC's purpose can be remembered by its acronym: S-seeking the Salvation of the Lost, B-Becoming disciples, C-Calling everyone to get involved in the ministries.

Southview Baptist membership has grown from 200 people which worshiped in the Hope Mills Community Center, to a membership that today numbers 667 worshiping in one of the most modern facilities in the area. Southview's current ministries include AWANA's for K-12, and International Ministry for the children of Belarus, in the former Soviet Union, an active choir program and support of several missionaries.

In 1989 Southview called a full-time minister youth/music. Groundbreaking for Educational Building. Celebrated 1 st. anniversary. In 1994 had breaking of ground for new sanctuary. Dedication of new sanctuary December 3, 1995. Started new ministry – Moms In Touch (a prayer ministry that crosses all denominational and racial lines for our public schools).

Sperring Memorial Baptist Church
5869 Yadkin Road
P O Box 11037
Fayetteville, NC 28303
910-864-1495

Pastor:
Rev. David Dail



An article in the Fayetteville Observer newspaper dated October 12, 1973, reads as follows:

"The approximately 70 churches of the New South River Baptist Association are using mobile home and other special equipment to minister to persons in areas unreached before now. An example of Yadkin Road, by the First Baptist Church on Anderson Street."

From these humble beginnings, Sperring Memorial Baptist Church was established. Our first mobile chapel was located on Yadkin Road and Pima Drive. New South River Baptist Association along with First Baptist secured our first mobile chapel in July of 1973.

Our first purchase of land was in April 25, 1977, on Horseshoe Road. After purchasing this land, along with the help of our sponsored church (First Baptist Church) we moved our mobile unit ot the new location. When we moved to our new location, as a church body, we decided we needed a new name. Sperring Memorial Baptist Mission was voted as our new name. The name was in honor of our first pastor of the Mission, Chaplain David Sperring.

More land purchase options were opened to Sperring Memorial Baptist Church. Six acres of land was purchased at the corner of Horseshoe and Yadkin Road, which is now the site of our church. We were established as a church in 1988 when Rev. Jerry Justice was pastor. We are very close to Fort Bragg, so this affords us a great opportunity to be a lighthouse to our military families, both active and retired. Since its beginnings Sperring Memorial Baptist Church has put emphasis on Missions, Vacation Bible School and reaching out to those in need. Many thanks to First Baptist Church, Pastor Glen Holt, Chaplain David Sperring and many dedicated people for having this vision. We are still striving real hard to follow this example that was set before us, so very long ago.

In 1981 obtained 6.36 acres of land for permanent location of church. In 1983 sold portion of land on Yadkin Road to pay off remainder. Still have approximately 9 acres left.

In 1984 Sperring Memorial accepted a challenge donation to construct educational wing on Yadkin Road property.

In 1986: 5,000 sq. ft. structure completed
Ordination of Mr. Walter Rose
Obtained full-time pastor-Rev. Jerry Justice
Obtained full-time minister of music
Obtained full-time minister of education

In 1987 started construction of a 9,000 sq. ft. sanctuary; satellite training of congregation and teachers; T. V. ministry to hospitals. Dedicated new building October 9, 1988.

Spring Branch Baptist Church
2391 North Spring Branch Road
Dunn, NC 283335
910-567-2224

Pastor:
Rev. Tim McQueen

Spring Branch Baptist Church was organized in 1795, and it has a rich history. Dr. J. A. Campbell, founder of Buies Creek Academy (now Campbell University) pastored Spring Branch for 45 years. Dr. Casper C. Warren, a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, was baptized into the fellowship of Spring Branch in July of 1907. Dr. Warren delivered the dedicatory sermon for the present sanctuary in April of 1965 and gave an organ in memory of his mother's family. Originally known as the old Mingo Baptist Church (not to be confused with the present Mingo Baptist Church), a dispute arose in the church in 1832 over the support of missions and the sending of contributions to the association for that purpose. The majority, who were anti-missionary, told the others to leave. Those who left formed what now is known as the Spring Branch Baptist Church. Records of the first Sunday School date back to 1865. The first full-time pastor, Richard Smith, served 1952-1955. Tim E. McQueen , the current pastor, was called in April of 1990. Spring Branch called her First full-time Associate Pastor/Minister of Youth, Gregg Bolick, in February 2001. Sherry Baysa has served as Minister of Music for over 13 years. Spring Branch is proud to be a part of the New South River Baptist Association.

Spring Lake First Baptist Church
201 South Main Street
Spring Lake, NC 28390
910-497-1126

Pastor:
Rev. Sandy Marks

In the early 1940's, three women, Mrs. W. L. Swain, Mrs. Julia Starling and Mrs, Maude Thompson, prayed about a need for Baptist work in the community. Cottage prayer meetings were held and the idea of a Baptist Church grew. Rev. C. R. Johnson obtained permission to use the Spring Lake School for services. The NCBC sent Dr. M.A. Huggins to meet with the group and Rev. C. S. Waters came to work with them. In March 1945, the USO Building was purchased from the government for $5,000.00. On April 15, 1945 the church was organized with 50 charter members.

In March 1954, a new educational plant and temporary sanctuary was constructed. Rev. J. R. Everett was the pastor. In 1963 a ground floor for a new church building was constructed with Rev. J. P. Johnson as pastor. The new building started in 1977 and was completed and dedicated in September 1983 while Rev. Lindsay D. Morton was pastor. Rev. Robert Colinger was pastor from May 1984 to April 1994. A Spanish Mission was added in 1985. A Child Development Center was started in the early 1970's, was discontinued during consturction of the new building, and then started again in 1988. A Korean Ministry was present from 1991 thru 1999.

The church is active in mission outreach to this community thru activities for all age groups. The church has WMU, CIA, AWANAS, a very active children and youth ministry, Baptist Men, Seniors group, and a music ministry for children thru Senior Adults.

Rev. Sandy Marks was called in March 2000 and is currently serving as pastor. Rev. Artemio Flores is currently serving as the Spanish Pastor.

Former pastors are:

C. S. Waters
Maurice Grissom
A. E. Teague
Harry F. Bean
J. M. Cranford
J. R. Everett
J. P. Johnson
Lloyd Hales
Lindsay D. Morton
Robert Cloniger
Gregg Carroll

Stedman Baptist Church
P O Box 190
Stedman, NC 28391
910-483-1676

Pastor:
Rev. Phillip Y. Spears

On May 6, 1913, a presbytery was called to organize a Baptist Church in Stedman. The organization and constitution of the church took place in 1913.

There was no other Baptist Church in Stedman at the time of the organizing of the church. There was a belief oon the part of those involved in the organizing of the church that there was a need for the establishing of a Baptist Church in the Stedman Community. There is no indication in the minutes of the church as to where the Presbyter met for the organizing of the church. The church was originally located just to the South of the railroad tracks in Stedman. The church relocated in Stedman in the early 1950's on state Highway 24. The name of *Stedman Baptist Church* has remained throught out her history.

The founding fathers were: Rev. J. M. Page, Rev. T. J. Baker, Rev. W. P. Page, Rev. E. Lee Fex and Deacon John B. Bryant served as the presbytery. The church was named after the town in which it was located.

The charter members of Stedman Baptist Church are:

Rev. and Mrs. E. Lee Fex
J. B. Bryant
Mrs. Della Bryant
Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Bryant
Miss Mary Page
Miss Maggie page
Mrs. M. A. Page
Mrs. Jermina Ringgold
Mrs. Repsie Maxwell
Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Averitt
Mrs. Minnie Autry
A. G. Strickland
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tripp

Rev. E. Lee Fex was called as the first pastor of Stedman Baptist Church.

In 1984 addition of Educational Wing. Had dedication of new Educational Wing.

In 1987 had debt retirement. In 1988 observed 75 year anniversary. In 1993 began a Day Care Center.

In 1995 the church voted to use the parsonage for Missionary family from the Ukraine. Alex Goncharov and his wife, Tonya and sons Fredrick and Andrew will be living there while Alex attends college at Campbell University.

Brotherhood became Baptist Men and worked on many Mission Projects such as:
Immanuel Baptist Church – replaced roof and fellowship building damaged by Hurricane Fran. Youth also helped: First Baptist Church in Shalotte, N.C.-repairs to parsonage and needy widows home. Spruce Pine-flood disaster relief work and returned later with material for steel bridges and built 4 steel bridges. Stoneville, NC-Tornado disaster relief work: and local help after Hurricane Bonnie.

Tabernacle Baptist Church
3219 Lindsey Road
Raeford, NC 28376

Pastor:
Rev. Patrick Wood

In 1896, sixteen people from the community, with last names of McDougald and Townsend, realized the need for a Baptist Church in their community. A rough tabernacle with rustic seats and a sawdust floor was erected near Carmichael's Mill (believed to be near the Cumberland County line.) The church was called Pine Grove until 1902. At that tiime, the church site was moved to the Rockfish Community. The name was changed to Tabernacle, because the church building was referred to as a rough tabernacle. A wooden building was erected on the present site in 1901. The Rev. J. T. Townsend and Rev. M. A. Moore assisted in the organization. Rev. Moore was the moderator and presumed to be the first pastor.

There are many interesting stories about the church. When Rev. Carl Strickland was pastor in 1964, he encouraged the people to use their talents to build the church buildings, therefore keeping the expenses at a minimum.

In 1976 the Fellowship Hall was built and dedicated, debt-free.

The pastorium was completed and dedicated August 31, 1980.

In the year 1983 the music program advanced from 1 choir to 3 choirs. The VBS attendance was 162, and the church purchased an activity bus. June 26, 1983 a ground breaking service was held for a larger sancturary. Ministry to Exceptional Children and a Ministry to the Deaf was started in the Church.

Tabernacle has not only been an active community church but also active in missions through out the world. Tabernacle is the mother church of Pittman Grove. There was no dissension, the group saw a need for a Baptist Church in their area. The church has tried to keep beer and wine from being sold in the community. Needy people in the community have been helped by the church. Three ministers have been licensed and ordained by Tabernacle Baptist Church.

In 1986 the church voted to start a Library with materials for all age groups that could be checked out.

Temple Baptist Church
315 South Plymouth Street
Fayetteville, NC 28301
910-483-7620

Pastor:
Dr. Robert Lewis

A great need was seen for a Baptist Church in the vicinity of East Fayetteville. On November 3, 1949 eighteen people met in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Maxie C. Downing on the Cedar Creek Road and joined together to build a new church. God had spoken to hearts in this group and they were obedient. Mrs. Kathleen Downing had heard God's call for a place in His work while she was a young college student, but it was not until 1949 that she fully realized what that call was for. After the first meeting cottage prayer meetings were held in homes in the vicinity of the present church.

On January 13, 1950, thirty people met at a prayer meeting in a rented tin building, formerly a novelty shop on Cedar Creek Road. This was Temple's home until September 10, 1952. Powerful prayer meetings were held on the sawdust floors, the shavings were used to keep out the cold.

Although the names of the exact 30 people are not available, we do know that Mrs. Kathleen Downing and Mrs. Rachel Kinlaw are the only two from the 30 people that are still members of Temple Baptist Church today.

The first revival was conducted by Rev. Joseph Watterson, Associational Missionary, on March 6, 1950. It was voted on in a meeting Feb. 3, 1950 to have a revival on March 6 and close the charter roll and organize. Following the revival the charter membership was closed with a total of 100 members.

Temple Baptist Church was constitued March 19, 1950 and admitted to the New South River Baptist Association. The organizational meeting was held with the 9 charter members: Mrs. Kathleen Downing, Mrs. Geraldine Ivey Crumpler, Mrs. Ann E. Faircloth,, Mr. J. L. Faircloth, Mrs. Edna E. Faircloth, Mrs. Frances Hall, Mrs. Cherry Horne, Mrs. Rachel Kinlaw and Mrs. Frances McDonald, their families and others at 3 P.M..

Rev. Julian Motely was called April 3, 1950 to be the first pastor. Groundbreaking service was held September 17, 1950 on the site of the present church. The first service to be held at this location was September 10, 1952. Worship service was held in this building until the second phase of the building program, the sanctuary, was completed.

The membership grew to 509 in the early 50's. The first parsonage was purchased July 17, 1952. Ground breaking service for the sanctuary took place May 8, 1955 with the first service on Easter Sunday, April 1, 1956. The dedication service was Feb. 10, 1957.

April 30, 1996 property was purchased on SR 1833, Sanderosa Road for a new church building.

Former Pastors of Temple Baptist Church:

Rev. Julian M. Motley	Rev. Malbert Smith,Jr.
Rev. Daniel H. Jolly	Rev. Berkley G. Helms
Rev. G. Melvyn Curlee	Rev. Donald P. Cooper
Rev. Marvin E. Faile	Rev. Richard G. Hicks
Dr. Robert Lewis	

Trinity Baptist Church
433 Southland Drive
Fayetteville, NC 28301
910-488-2668

Pastor:
Rev. Randy White

The year 1942 was a dark one in the history of our nation, the world, and indeed the area adjacent to Fort Bragg. World War II was bringing into Fort Bragg thousands of men and their families were seeking homes in the surrounding area. The Veterans Administration had recently built a beautiful hospital in the northern section of Fayetteville, and new housing developments were springing up in this section. Some of the home owners in this section of the city, as well as the leaders of the New South River Baptist Association, began to realize the need for a church. The city churches were crowded and transportation was difficult with rationing of gas. Mr. & Mrs. A. T. West offered to sell to the association a tract of land adjoining their home on Hillsboro Street. This location was ideally situated between the V A Hospital and the New Windsor Terrance section. The various churches in the association contributed and the property was purchased before Oct. of 1942.

January 1944, the First Baptist Church offered to the group the use of its sanctuary on Sunday afternoons. The first organized meeting for worship and the making of plans to organize was held in the afternoon at First Baptist Church on January 16, 1944. The actual organization of the church was on March 12, 1944 at the First Baptist Church with the deacons of the First Baptist Church forming the organizational body and recommending that such a church be established.

Rev. M. W. Chapman was called as pastor of the new congregaton, and accepted the call. A committee was appointed to secure a name for the church, and after many names had been submitted and considered , that of "Trinity" was selected. This young church had a membership of 57 charter members.

The first service was held in the assembly room back of the baptistry on Christmas Eve, December 24, 1944 at 7:30 P.M.. The first Sunday School and morning worship service was held December 31, 1944.

April 1, 1949 the Rev. T. J. Fulk began his ministry at Trinity Baptist Church.

In May 1991 broke ground for re-location of church. In 1992 building a new building in a new neighborhood. Dedication to be November 1, 1992.

In 1993 relocated the church and built a new facility at 433 Southland Drive, Fayetteville, N.C.. In 1995 the church was built and moved into new 10 room Sunday School addition.

In 1999 and addition of three new Sunday School rooms.

Union Grove Baptist Church
395 Vander Road
Salemburg, NC 28385
910-567-6883

Pastor:
Rev. Paul Honeycutt

Union Grove Baptist Church was organized October 8, 1878 with 12 Charter Members.

A group of Baptist from Baptist Chapel Baptist Church and Long Branch Baptist Church met at Purdom School House under the leadership of W. M. Page and S. C. Page to organize a church. The group drew up a church covenent as well as by-laws for the church. Rev. John O. Tew as the first pastor called.

J. R. "Rob" Williams donated the land to the church for the first building. The first church was a long, one-room building. The white frame chruch was build in 1902. Sunday School rooms were added to the back of the church in 1929 to give additional space.

Before 1921 Worship Services were held one Saturday and Sunday a month. Sunday School was held each Sunday during the warmer weather. In 1921, Rev. Charles Howard, pastor, worship service (preaching) was changed to Sunday at 10:00 o'clock. Since 1945, Rev. Baxter Walker, pastor, an alter call has been part of each worship service.

The WMU was organized in 1949. The Acteens were organized in the 1960's, GA's in 1970, the Brotherhood and RA's in 1980, these mission organizations are for the purpose of studying and supporting missions.

October 8, 1978 a Centennial Celebration was held. The church people were dressed for the festivities: the ladies, in poke bonnets and long dresses; the men in jeans, white shirts, and bow ties. The classrooms were decorated with antique and artifacts. The Rev. Charles Stevens, Rev. Vernon Williams and Rev. Paul Honeycutt came to church on a scurry owned and driven by Charles Sills. Deacon R. C. Howard was honored October 12, 1978 on his 88th birthday, and a memorial room was started.

In 1982 a pastor's study was added to the church building.

In 1992 ordained Jerry Jackson as deacon; completed church directory and pictures; honored teaches who had taught over 30 years.

In 1993 ordained Furman McLamb as deacon. Put on steeple; restored bell and old steeple and put in gazebo in yard. Licensed Jason Stone to preach.

In 1997 ordained Robert New and Porter Stanley, Jr. and J. E. Davis as deacons.

January 31, 1999 dedicated new Fellowship Hall. March 14, 1999 our WMU has a 50 year celebration.

In 2000 ordained Jamie Knowles as a deacon.

Village Baptist Church
906 S McPherson Church Road
Fayetteville, NC 28303
910-678-7178

Pastor:
Dr. Bruce Martin

Early in August, 1962, a group of persons met to determine the need for and interest in a church in this area. The first worship service was held on Wedneday evening, August 9, 1962, at Davis' Cleaners on Owen Drive. A small group of interested persons met for the first Sunday service at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bass, 706 Rodie, on October 14, 1962. They continued meeting there until December . On December 28, 1962, all services were moved to Fire Station No. 5 on Owen Drive. Rev. E. C. Watson served as Interim Pastor.

Snyder Memorial Baptist Church voted to sponsor Village Drive and give assistance as needed. Arrangements were made to secure property in the area, and the house at 3502 Village Drive was purchased. A church office was set up in the home and Mrs. Sam Bass became the Church Secretary.

In March 1963, Rev. Watson accedpetd the call as Associational Missionary in Cabarrus Association, and Rev. Charles Stevens became Interim Pastor. In seeking a name the members voted unanimously on Village Drive Baptist Church.

The Summer of 1963 the church held the first Vacation Bible School under tents with an enrollment of 166 and average attendance of 135. They later sponsored a mission VBS in Holiday Park.

Through divine leadership the church purchased 11 acres of land behind the church office. In February 1964 the church sold 5 acres of land and the title cleared on the remaining 6 acres. The church purchased and moved "The White House" to the property for Sunday School and Training Union space. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening was held in this building also.

March 28, 1965 a ground breaking service and site dedication was held for the first unit of the church building. By October 1965 the educational building was completed, on October 10, 1965 the church held Constituting Day services in the new building. This was also the Third Anniversary of Village Drive Baptist Mission.

In 1966 Village moved to 906 S. McPherson Church Road, so the name was changed to Village Baptist Church.

Village is involved in a lot of missions and ministries; AWANA, WMU, GA's, RA's, nationally recognized music programs, Moms in Touch, Promise Keepers and Village Pre School/Day Care and Christian Academy to name a few. Several church members have gone on missions trips.

In 1973 the Cape Fear School of Theology was begun as a ministry to allow pastors and lay workers to take Biblical Studies on a part-time basis. As the school flourished, it relocated and became Carolina Bible College.

In February 2002 Village will open a two story education wing offering 16 additional classrooms for use by both Village Baptist and Village Christian Academy . In June 2002 they will open the Family Life Center.

Wade Baptist Church
P O Box 340
Wade, NC 28395
910-484-5759

Pastor:
Rev. Raymond Myrick

On Sunday afternoon, May 20, 1928, a meeting was held at the Wade School for the purpose of organizing a Baptist Church. A small group of Baptist residing in and around Wade agreed that a Baptist Church would fill a great need.

The old school building was purchased from the county and moved to an adjacent lot given to the new church by Dr. P. W. Olive of Fayetteville,

A presbytery of brethren from various churches in the New South River Association was formed for the purpose of organizing the church.

The church was named "Wade Baptist Church" because it was located in the village of Wade. No one ever thought of calling it anything else.

Immediately following the organization the ladies met and organized a WMU with Mrs. J. L. Olive as President. This organization has always been active and a real source of strength to the church.

The first Sunday in July 1928 a Sunday School was organized with forty-two members.

August 1928 the most outstanding revival ever held was held at Wade Baptist Church. The preaching at this revival was done by Rev. L. B. Olive, a returned missionary from China. Forty-two peoole were united with the church. The power of prayer and personal service was clearly demostrated during these meetings.

On Thanksgiving Day of the year of 1962 moved into the Educational Building which was built directly behind the old church. The old church building was torn down and removed from the lot.

In 1973 remodeling program began. A baptistery installed, central heating and air conditioning and adding some extra rooms with the hopes that in the not too distant future to have a sanctuary that is so much desired and hoped for by the members of the church.

In 1977 established a Scholarship Fund at Campbell College. The church was bricked this year also.

In 1978 Wade Baptist Church celebrated the 50th Anniversary. Remodeled the kitchen and bathrooms and added another bathroom.

September 20, 1981 ordained Milton Bacot, into the Ministry.

Walstone Memorial Baptist Church
260 Walstone Road
Fayetteville, NC 28301
910-488-6311

Pastor:
Rev. Richard Edwards

In the fall of 1954 it was determined that there was a need for a new Baptist Church in the area. Mrs. Clara H. Powell offered 25 acres of choice land near the Veterans Hospital to the New South River Baptist Association with the conditon that it be used for some religious purpose. Five acres were to be deeded to a responsible group for the establishment of a new Baptist Church. A group was formed and met in several homes beginning in November 1954. They soon organized a mission sponsored by the New South River Baptist Association. There was no parent church. The name, "Walstone Baptist Mission" was chosen in honor of the brother of Mrs. Clara Powell. Joe Walstone, Mrs. Powell's brother, was at one time the owner of this property.

It should be noted that the church was not formed by dissending members of any other church, but rather by those seeking a place to worship and honor the Lord.

The mission met in the home of Mr. & Mrs. P. W. Delaby, at 127 Rowland Circle until the church building was partially completed.

Plans for the organization began in this mission and the church was officially organized March 20, 1955. This occasion was commemorated with a ground breaking ceremony at the church site. Speakers were Rev. Thomas Walters, Associational Missionary and Mr. John A. Oats, Attorney and author. Charter books were opened March 6, 1955 and closed May 19, 1955, with 41 charter members .

The first pastor, Rev. W. C. Kelly, was called and licensed to preach on April 17, 1955. The men of the church started construction of the first building, a combination sanctuary with six classrooms. All of the labor was given by members along with a few non-members. On August 14, 1955 the first services were held in this partially completed building.

August 27, 1978 James L. Taylor was ordained.

In 1979 Walstone completed and dedicated the Clare E. Powell Recreation Field. Bought new hymnals for the church. Resignation of Pastor Rev. Robert Weatherly, and the resignation of James L. Taylor, Minister of Youth and Music.

In 1987 Walstone renovated the auditorium and paid off indebtedness. Had note burning service and re-dedication of sanctuary.

In 1990 Walstone ordained Hamond Chandlet.

In 1991 started "God's Gang", a military support group, the military newsletter, tape ministry, Youth Church and a Nursing Home Sunday School outreach program.

In 1995 began first German Language Fellowship in the history of the Baptist State Convention in March.

In August 1999 Rev. Richard Edwards was called as pastor. Rev. Edwards was Interim since November 1998.

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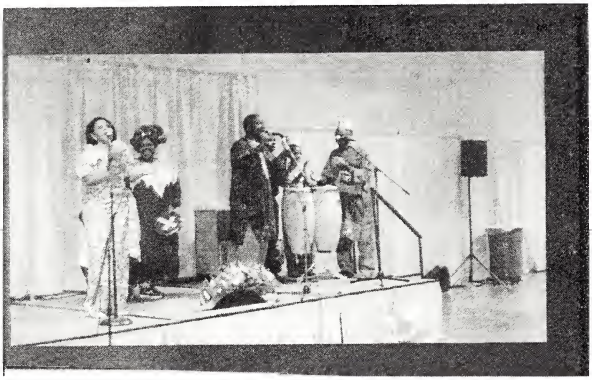


In March 1977 a group of 15 people began meeting to form the African Fellowship. They first met at Fayetteville First Baptist Church and now they are meeting in different homes. At first, they had strictly Bible Studies and now they have Prayer Meetings monthly.

Although some families have moved out of state, there are still seven to twelve active members. They minister to African Internationals in the Fayetteville area through Bible Studies, prayer meetings, mission projects counseling, social ministries and many more ways.

The group is led by Rev. Yinka Jolaoso. Rev. Jolaoso lives in Raleigh with his wife Ruth. They travel to Fayetteville for the work of the ministry.

BEAVER DAM HISPANIC MINISTRY

1999

Dr. Ben Gault, Director of Missions of the New South River Baptist Association, asked Beaver Dam Baptist Church to lead out in a Hispanic Ministry in the Beaver Dam Community in 1999. He again approached us in the Summer of 2000 about this ministry. We took the challenge and decided to see what could be done with the type of ministry through the Beaver Dam Baptist Church. The one obstacle for the ministry was the language barrier.

Rev. John Willis, of the Association, suggested Mr. Dwayne Stone, a retired military man in Cumberland Union Baptist Church, as a possible partner in the ministry. Mr. Dwayne Stone being proficient in Spanish agreed to do so. We found Mr. Stone and the Pastor of Cumberland Union Baptist Church, Rev. Darien Spivey, to be good partners and eventallly involved a partnership between both churches, Beaver Dam Baptist Church and Cumberland Union Baptist Church.

New South River Baptist Association supplied the resources for the project.

Rev. Kevin Maxwell and Mrs. Arlene Fix, taught an English as a Second Language (ESL) course. This course was taught to a group of volunteers from Beaver Dam Church that enlarged the ministry and enhanched our ability to minister to the migrant workers.

As of this year 2001, some sixty migrant workers along with Rev. Javier Soto of the Evergreen Spanish Church in Delway, their members, and Beaver Dam Baptist Church, are continuing the work so blessed by God. In two years thirty-nine professions of faith have occurred and twelve migrants have been baptized into the watch care of Beaver Dam Baptist Church. These men go back to Mexico as witnesses to the Grace of God, to save, wherever the Gospel is preached.

Please continue to pray for this very important ministry at Beaver Dam.

JAPANESE FELLOWSHIP

1976

The Japanese Fellowship first began meeting in 1976 at Eutaw Heights Baptist Church. At first they had 15 who worshiped together. It has since grown to forty. Rev. Tomono was called as minister of the Japanese Fellowship. They moved to Village Baptist Church after meeting at Mrs. Rose McDonald's home. They meet the first Sunday of each month. Mrs. McDonald is the coordinator of the Japanese Fellowship. Some of the groups activities are Bible Study, Fellowship, contributing to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering, and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. They joined with other Associations to bring a Japanese speaker. The Japanese participate in the International Celebration and they celebrate the Japanese New Year on January 1.

MINGO HISPANIC MINISTRY

1993

In the summer of 1992 under the direction of New South River Baptist Association a study was conducted in Sampson County to see if there was a need to begin a Hispanic Church and to identify a location for this work. That winter a meeting was held at the request of the leadership of New South River Baptist Association with the pastors of Southern Baptist Churches in Sampson County to see if they would pray about forming a partnership to begin a Southern Baptist Hispanic Mission. The pastors went to their churches with information that showed the need for a Hispanic Church in Sampson County.

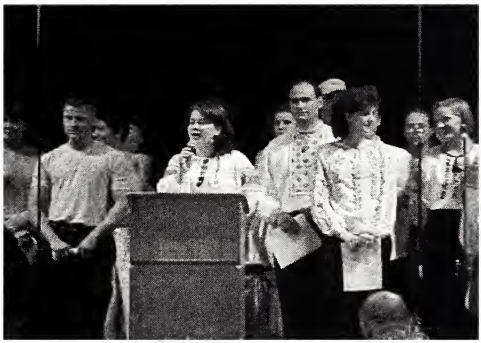
A Mission Committee was formed which included the pastor and one lay member of each partnership church. This committee began looking for a building that could be used as a church. An old grocery store at Hall's Cross Road on Maxwell Road was acquired and is still being used today. Work days were held to clean out, clean up, make needed repairs, and paint the building. The churches along with New South Rive Baptist Association rallied together donating pews, a piano, organ, Spanish Bibles, Song Books, offerring plates, TV/VCR combination, and almost everything needed to begin a church.

The sponsoring church is Mingo Baptist Church with Rev. Alan Roberts serving as the Mission Committee Chair-person. The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, New South River Baptist Association, Mingo Baptist Church, Baptist Chapel Baptist Church, Spring Branch Church, Clement Baptist Church, Union Grove Baptist Church, Mt. Elam Baptist Church, Elizabeth Baptist Church, Second Baptist Church, Union Grove Baptist Church, Piney Green Baptist Church, Antioch Baptist Church, Autryville Baptist Church and Snyder Memorial Baptist Church work together with the goal of this Mission becoming as a self supporting church.

Four acres of land on Tew Road are being purchased to build a church building on. Rev. Jose Tapia was called and serves as the Mission Pastor. Sunday School, Worship Services, Revivals, Bible School, Youth Programs and Ministry to migrant workers are just a few of the things being done by the Mission.

RUSSIAN/UKRAINIAN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

December 18, 1999



Russian/Ukrainian Fellowship was born on December 18, 1999 in a missionary home of Stedman Baptist Church at Stedman, North Carolina. Both, Stedman Baptist Church and New South River Baptist Association saw the need to minister to people immigrated from former Soviet Union. While Alex and Tanya Goncharov served as instruments in God's hands to organize this fellowship. Russian/Ukrainian Fellowship is undeniably a product of God's will, love, discipline and commitment of many godly people of Stedman Baptist Church as well the leadership of New South River Baptist Association to make a difference in peoples lives and most important to bring them to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!!!!

SPRING LAKE FIRST HISPANIC MISSION
(Primera Igiesia Bautista)

November 1985

The Spring Lake Hispanic Mission began meeting in November 1985. The pastor of the Mission is Rev. Artemio Flores. The Hispanic Mission has a membership of approximately forty-five people. They meet regularly with Sunday School, Discipleship Training, etc. They participate in the International Celebration each year at the Charlie Rose Agri Center.

WALSTONE GERMAN FELLOWSHIP

MARCH 26, 1995

Dr. Ben Gault, the Director of Missions for the New South River Baptist Association here in Fayetteville, was receiving treatment for a back problem. Dr. Gault – always on a mission to gather interesting information – asked his young German therapist what she misses most about Germany. "The fellowship with Germans and speaking with them in my native language" was her answer.

This is how the idea of a German speaking fellowship got its start. There already were other foreign language fellowships in existence. Why not a German fellowship? The number of 3000 German and German speaking residents surely would support the start of such a fellowship. Dr. Gault got together with Pastor Sam Owens at the Walstone Memorial Baptist Church and with the willingness of Mrs. Irene McDuffie and Christine Blevins (both Natives of Germany) the start of a German Fellowship was born.

Flyers were distributed in housing areas and in stores frequented by Germans. On March 26, 1995 the German Fellowship had its first meeting with 35 Germans in attendance. Under the direction of Mrs. Irene McDuffie, several volunteers and the support of members of Walstone Memorial Baptist Church this fellowship started meeting every 4th Sunday of the month. The attendance presently varies for 40 – 60 participants with the highest attendance of 94 Germans and guests at the Christmas meeting in 1997.

Presently, the German Fellowship meets every 4th Sunday at 2:30 P. M. . For everyone who is interested, a German Bible study precedes the meeting from 2:00 – 2:30 P. M. After a short welcome, a little inspirational talk and some songs (and everything spoken in German, of course) the fellowship continues with mostly home baked German "Goodies" and refreshments.

Fayetteville North Fellowship
401 North
Fayetteville, N C

Pastor:
Rev. Phillip S. Addison II

NEW CHURCH START

The people are meeting in the Raleigh Road Elementary School at the present time. The Core Group meets at The West Area Fire Station to make plans for the new church.

NEW SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

"Associational Missionary"

"Field Secretary"

"Superintendent of Missions"

"Director of Missions"

"Executive Director"

Rev. Waldo Early

May 1946

Applicant for B. A. Degree Raleigh, N C Age 22, Weight 148, Height 5' 7". "Waldi" is known on the campus as the boy who has the secret of keeping cheerful. He continually wears a smile. The spots on the knees of his trousers prove to be the clue to his secret. Visit his little church in suburb of Raleigh and he will tell you his joy. But never does Waldo smile as he does when he just returned from Richmond. We wonder why? The candle burns late in Waldo's room and many have seen his light long before day. Perhaps he does not make the highest marks, but we know he does his best".

Rev. Walton B. Guthrie
October 1947 – July 1949

"Dear Fellow Baptist:
In behalf of the Executive Board I am happy to Introduce Brother Walton B. Guthrie whose likeness I have imprinted on this page. He received the unanimous vote of our board to come to us as Field Secretary. I have had the opportunity to observe his work as a missionary and pastor. His is excellent. We commend Brother Guthrie to our New South River Baptist Churches in the belief that he will be found ready and prepared to render faithful and efficient service whenever you call upon him. Rev. Guthrie was licensed to preach at age 16. His training was received at Elon College and at Wake Forest."

Rev. J. V. Watterson

September 1949-1950

A native of Makatoka, North Carolina, Rev. Watterson received his education in the Bladenboro public schools, Campbell College, Wake Forest University, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and the Southeastern Theological Seminary.

Rev. Thomas Walters

1951 – June 1957

Rev. Walters-a native of Madison, NC.; graduate of Mars Hill College, Wake Forest College; and the Southern Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky; teacher, writer and pastor of Baptist Churches in many parts of N.C.. For six years he worked to improve the work of the churches of New South River Baptist Association. The 1957 New South River Baptist Association minutes book was dedicated to him. Rev. Walters was killed when he was struck by a car near his home in Ridgecrest.

Rev. Clyde L. Davis

July 1957 –
Aug. 31,1959

Rev, Clyde L. Davis attended Mississippi College and is a graduate of Southeastern Theological Seminary. He served as Director of The Men's Department of the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Rev. E. C. Watson, Jr.

1959 – February 1963

Rev. Watson – a native of Lumberton, graduated from Wake Forest College, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. He did additional work at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia; Southern Baptist Seminary, Wake Forest; and North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Winston Salem, North Carolina.

Rev. Charles A. Stevens

March 1, 1963 -
May 24, 1991

Rev. Charles Aurenus Stevens was born in Smithfield, N. C. . In 1940 he graduated from Smithfield High School. He was a graduate of both Wake Forest and Southeastern Seminary in 1957. He was ordained in the Ministry by the First Baptist Church in Smithfield in 1949. In 1949–1950 he pastored two churches in the Beulah Association. He left East Side Baptist Church, Reidsville, NC where he was pastor from 1954-1957 to become pastor at Bonnie Doone Baptist Church where he served until 1963. Charles Stevens accepted the call as Superintendent of Missions for the New South River Baptist Association in 1963. Rev. Stevens died tragically at the age of sixty-seven (67) as a result of DUI driver just six weeks after he retired as Executive Director of New South River Baptist Association after twenty-eight (28) years of faithful dedicated service.

Dr. Benjamin Gault, Jr.

September 1, 1991-
July 15, 2002

Dr. Benjamin S. Gault, Jr. was born in Fountain Inn, S. C. He graduated from Fountain Inn High School. Dr. Gault served in the US Air Force for four years. He graduated from North Greenville Junior College, Tigerville, S. C., from Furman University in Greenville, S.C., received the B. D. degree from Wake Forest Baptist Theological Seminary and has a Master of Divinity degree. Dr. Gault completed a Pastoral Care Course at Dorthea Dix State Hospital in Raleigh, N.C., completed a course in Pastoral Counseling at Piedmont Technical College, Roxboro, N.C. and helped organize and completed a course in Pastoral Care from the NC Baptist Hospital School of Pastoral Care. Dr. Gault enrolled in and completed the requirements for the Doctor Ministry Degree at Luther Rice International Seminary, Jacksonville, Fla. Dr. Gault was pastor of Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Wilson, N.C., pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church, Fayetteville, NC, pastor of Clement Baptist Church near Roxboro, NC, and pastor of Ogden Baptist Church at Wilmington, NC. In 1985 he became Director of Missions for the Pee Dee Baptist Association for 6 1/2 years. September 1, 1991 he became Executive Director of Missions for the New South River Baptist Association in Fayetteville, N.C..